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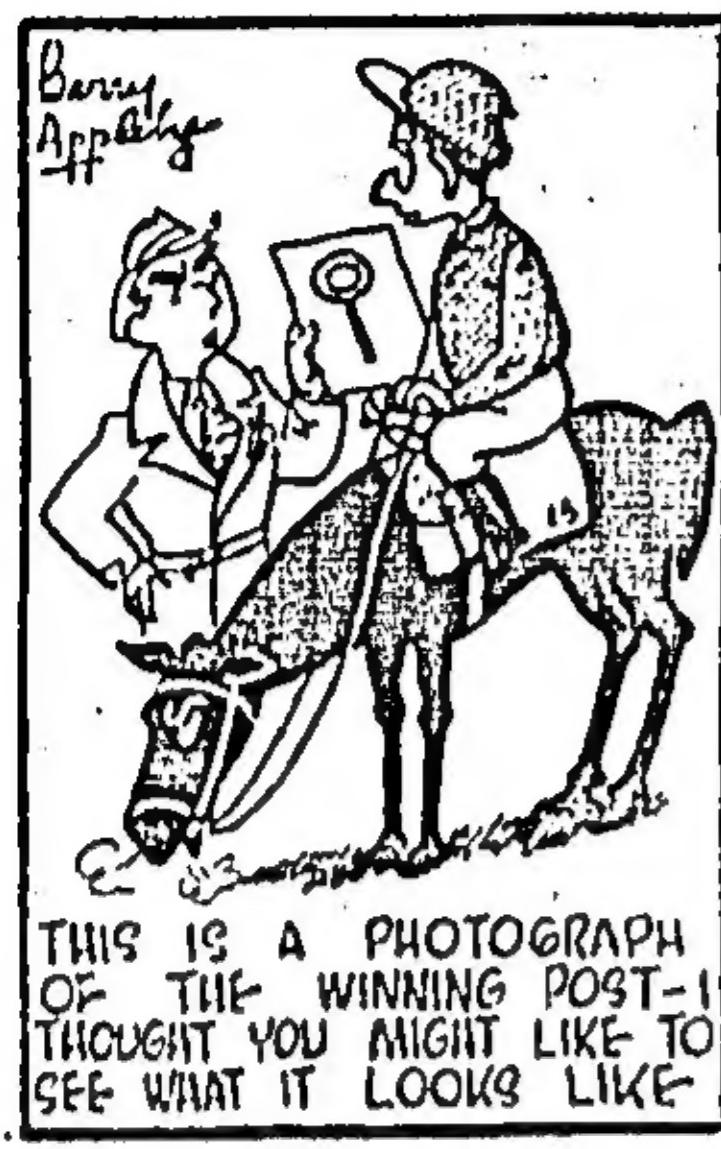
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KING OF PEACE  
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## EDITORIAL

### Hongkong & The Peace

Mr. William Teeling, MP, thinks Hongkong should be directly represented in future discussions concerning the Japanese peace settlement. Any such concession would, of course, provide a happy stimulus to the Colony's not very strongly developed sense of self-importance, but when Mr. Teeling suggests he considers it necessary for Hongkong's interests and point of view to be put by our own selected spokesman, we are somewhat at a loss to appreciate precisely what he means. The Colony's interests, vis-a-vis the Allied peace treaty with Japan, are not, so far as can be discerned, particularly distinctive. We certainly subscribe to the general principle that Japan must never again be allowed to become such a powerful military force that she could for a second time endanger the peace of the Orient; we also feel, in common with the rest of the democracies, that Japan must be encouraged to regain her economic feet and so become independent of subsidies, either from America or elsewhere. We believe that fair reparations should be written into the settlement and that it should provide for as much freedom of international trading with Japan as is consistent with the times. These, however, are generalised conditions, and it is difficult to see where Hongkong's interests, extend beyond them. Hongkong, naturally, will expect to be considered should the treaty

embodiment questions of Far East defences. December 1941 proved the futility of attempting to treat Hongkong as an isolated fortress in any Pacific theatre of war. The day that Kwangtung fell into the hands of the Japanese militarily sealed the fate of the Colony. Apart from considerations such as inadequacy of troops, aircraft, guns, ammunition and all the other paraphernalia of war, the physical impossibility of successfully defending the Colony against an army in control of the neighbouring northern province was made abundantly clear. What Hongkong will chiefly be interested in is a fair apportionment of any reparations. Thousands suffered serious losses as a result of the 1941 hostilities, and if there is to be a share-out of spoils, the Colony is entitled to something. This is a matter, however, which hardly calls for Hongkong to be specially represented at the peace treaty talks: our viewpoint in this matter can be made clear to the British delegation, which will be expected to put it forward with all the force it deserves. For those who feel as Mr. Teeling does, they will find consolation in Mr. Attlee's assurance that, wherever it is desirable and feasible to do so, the British Government will invite the colonial governments directly concerned to attach advisers to the United Kingdom delegation. We think the matter can well afford to rest at that.

Reuter.

#### LEGISLATIVE POWERS

The Council will also have power to legislate in a broad field, including railways, ports, shipping, interstate waterways, highways, communications, except broadcasting, and production, allocation, collection, storage and the distribution of goods, including food, price control and labour priorities.

The charter will make possible more co-operation in the executive branch of the economic administration and give more responsibility to what may be termed the legislative branch, British and American Control officials said here today.

They added that it is intended to be only provisional, since it will be supplanted when there is a legally constituted German Government.

It could not be considered a "constitution" for Western Germany, being concerned only with economic affairs.

Of the most important by-products of the whole change, according to one official, has been the debate it had created among Germans over whether it entailed too much or too little centralisation. He saw this as an awakening of a really democratic consciousness among Western Zone Germans.

Reuter.

in Europe.

#### COUNCIL'S DISCUSSIONS

Cairo, Feb. 6.—Britain's relations with Arab countries are expected to dominate the seven-nation Arab League Council's 10-day talks starting here tomorrow afternoon.

The Council is also to consider a proposal that the Arab League sign a Middle East regional defence agreement with Britain to make it unnecessary for the Arab countries to sign individual agreements with Britain.

It was believed in the financial community that President Truman's gloomy remarks of yesterday was the straw that broke London's usual resistance against Wall Street price fluctuations.—United Press.

**ANOTHER N.Y. BREAK**  
New York, Feb. 6.—Commodity

## Attlee's Warning

London, Feb. 6.—The Prime Minister, Mr Clement Attlee, in a nation-wide broadcast tonight, warned the "ordinary people" of Britain against the dangers of inflation.

"If incomes go on rising", he said, "there must come a point at which the Government cannot hold the cost of living at a reasonable level any longer".

But he added, it must not be thought simply because he had talked mainly about wages that this did not apply equally with profits.

"Increasing profits paid out in the form of incomes can have just as serious an effect on us as unwisely increasing wages and salaries", he declared.—Reuter.

## SCHOOLS BROADCAST SERVICE FOR HONGKONG PROPOSED

### Visiting Expert Suggests Start Be Made In 1949

That a School Broadcasting service in Hongkong be started next year was proposed to the Broadcasting Advisory Committee yesterday afternoon by Mr Norman Lloyd-Williams, Deputy Director of Broadcasting in Malaya, and formerly Assistant Director of School Broadcasting at the BBC.

A special meeting of the Broadcasting Advisory Committee was held yesterday to hear and consider Mr Lloyd-Williams' report which he had prepared as a result of a 10-day visit to the Colony during which time he had had discussions with members of the Government, and with many persons connected with education and broadcasting.

Mr Lloyd-Williams suggested that the possibility of exchange of material between Hongkong and Malaya should be explored further, and also the possibility of the BBC setting up a Transcription Service to supply colonial school broadcasting systems with recordings for use in History, Geography and Literature.

#### ESTIMATED COST

Mr Lloyd-Williams reckoned that such a staff and a programme of half a dozen broadcasts a week for Anglo-Chinese Schools, and a similar number for the Vernacular, would cost about \$75,000 a year to begin with and rise to \$100,000 as the programme extended.

With regard to the equipment of schools with the necessary apparatus, he recommended that all classrooms in a school should be wired so that a loudspeaker could be plugged into any of them at will. Each school would require between two and four loudspeakers. This wiring system would then be connected with either a receiving set in the Principal's room or with the proposed Radiodiffusion Service. He suggested that Northgate Training College should be wired and connected to this service, so that its quality could be tested and some experience gained in the most satisfactory way of wiring a school. He was insistent also on the necessity of testing in an actual classroom any receivers which might be purchased for rural schools which were beyond the reach of the redifusion system.

Mr Lloyd-Williams, incidentally, said that he was very much impressed by the quality and quantity of Hongkong broadcasting, which compares very favourably indeed with other colonial broadcasting systems.

## FISHERMEN RESCUED

San Francisco, Feb. 6.—The United States Army transport, General W. F. Haan, radioed the port of embarkation here, following a two-day search, that she had rescued 28 Japanese fishermen and taken their disabled boat in tow. The report said the fishermen had been without food for a indefinite time and some were suffering from malnutrition.

Capt William Bangs identified the ship as the 111-ton Kole Mori 10. Its home port is not known.

The report said the Gen. Haan was towing the Japanese vessel to Okinawa, which it expects to reach on Monday.

The fishermen said their ship broke down on January 23 and had been drifting helplessly since while their food was finally exhausted.

The rescue climaxed two days' search after the receipt of distress signals by coastal stations and the Haan. The General Haan located the craft in the Ogasawara Gunto area south of Japan proper.—United Press.

## More Kwong Tung Bodies Found

Between 8.30 yesterday morning and 2.30 this morning, Police recovered seven more bodies, drowned as a result of the Kwong Tung steamer panic.

Four were men and three women, and the bodies were found underneath the Yuen On wharf.

## More And More Japs

Tokyo, Feb. 6.—The population of Japan increased by 1,500,000 in 1947, according to official figures released here today.

Japanese statisticians say that if the present rise in the birth rate continues, there will be a population of 80,000,000 by early next year.

In 1947 there were only half as many deaths as births.—Reuter.

## London Stock Market Takes A Nose Dive

London, Feb. 6.—The stock market today took a nose dive in the heaviest selling slump since July 1947. The British market, which had nervously watched the plunging of the American exchanges for two days, went into a spectacular decline itself.

Millions in Pound Sterling values were wiped out. All types of securities were affected by a wave of selling which hit oil and copper shares the hardest, but even such industries as breweries and chain stores—regarded as protected from the effects of severe economic declines—were affected.

The Financial Times index of leading industrial shares closed last night at 123, the lowest of the year, and appeared to be headed for December's low of 119.2.

British Government bonds weakened. However, British transport securities considered the key issue on the gilt-edged list, held stubbornly without change.

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# A WORD OF WARNING ON STATE MEDICINE

*The surgeon's choice*

## THE OFFICE OR THE OPERATING TABLE?

by . . . . .

JOHN GARDHAM, M.S., F.R.C.S.

**B**RITAIN is about to embark on a State medical service. On the nature of this service depends the whole future of medicine and surgery in the country.

The public has a vague idea that Mr Aneurin Bevan, the Health Minister, and the British Medical Association have failed to reach agreement on the salaries and the right to practices, and the public is not very interested.

Is the public missing something else?

*The purpose of the Act is to create a State monopoly in medicine.*

The Minister has announced his intention of taking over practically every hospital in the country on the appointed day.

Thus all hospital physicians and surgeons face an inevitable decision.

They must either leave the hospitals or become servants of a Government department.

### A PROMISE Of little help

The Minister has given a verbal promise that members of hospital staffs will be allowed to continue to give their services without payment as they have done in the past.

This will not save them from becoming civil servants, for they must in any case secure a contract from the Government department which owns the hospitals in which they work.

There is no financial quarrel here. The immediate arrangements proposed for consultants are generous.

The public may think them too generous; for even now before the Act has come into operation, a consultant may receive—if he cares to do so—large sums of public money in respect of services for which he has not previously been paid.

### 1 TREATMENT WILL BECOME STEREOTYPED.

It has been stated that there will be no interference with the right of a physician or surgeon to exercise his own judgment in treatment of patients.

This was not so in the fighting Services, where "directives" on treatment became very common before the end of the war.

There are, in fact, many ways of forcing stereotyped treatment on the staff of a State-owned institution. It will be news to most members of the public and to many surgeons that plans for prohibiting the manufacture of surgical instruments which do not conform to a standard type are already well advanced.

### 2 THE ATTAINMENTS REQUIRED TO ACHIEVE SUCCESS IN THE HIGHER RANKS OF MEDICINE WILL CHANGE.

In the past great physicians and surgeons have made their fame by their work in the wards and operating theatres and not round committee-tables.

In a State service these doctors who plan and supervise must necessarily control those who examine, diagnose, and operate on patients.

## Bees and ants battle for hive

ESSEQUIBO (British Guiana).

SMALL bees and large bees, emerald green, striped blue and grey bees worked the carpet of wild flowers at our feet, and hummed among the sweet-scented guava blossoms overhead, but not one domestic honey-bee was to be seen.

As we watched we realised that we needed a hive of bees badly.

The days are warm and sunny with a soft dew in the early morning. Flowers grow in profusion.

What more ideal spot could you imagine for honey-bees?

So we bought a rather neglected hive with a young laying queen. Italian bees are rather larger than those in Britain and more golden in colour, with an almost entirely golden queen.

### QUEEN WAS LAYING

The hive was an ordinary box with a flat lid for a roof and a long opening along the front.

The queen was laying, the bees covered two frames of sealed and unsealed brood, and some honey and pollen was stored.

We put the hive on a two-foot stand, and sat back to see if British Guiana bees worked like those of Britain.

They were good-natured and could be handled without a yell or smoker. They built straight white comb, but were rather indifferent about gathering nectar.

Jean F. King

Thus an able surgeon soon reaches a point where he must choose whether he will cease to spend his time in the operating theatre and become an organiser, or will continue to practise the art of surgery with the knowledge that he will remain subservient for the rest of his professional life to those who have chosen to become organisers.

In an organised service there is no place for the man who is supreme because of his ability to cure the sick.

The highest honours will go to committee men and the organisers. Such men are valuable, but they will not compensate us for the loss of the thinkers and the craftsmen when these are gone.

### 3 ORIGINALITY WILL BE SUPPRESSED.

During the war many articles in the medical press written by promising young men concluded with these words: "I am indebted to the Director of Medical Services and to Colonel —, commanding the Hospital, for permission to publish this article."

It would establish at one stroke a State monopoly in the higher ranks of medicine and surgery, and would make it impossible for a doctor to obtain hospital treatment for his patients except in a State controlled institution staffed entirely by civil servants.

What will be the result if this is allowed to happen?

"The confidence of the public in the service must not be undermined by such wild and improbable statements. I am sorry, but I must refuse absolutely to allow him to appear in print."

This never happened because Lister was a free man and able to think, speak, and write for himself and to carry his discoveries from hospital to hospital until they gained acceptance.

Discouragement of brilliant men and suppression of brilliant work because they are unorthodox can happen far too easily in a State service which is a monopoly.

I have held power over young professional men in the Service and I know how far it goes.

### 4 THOSE GREAT PROFESSIONAL BODIES, THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS AND THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS, WILL LOSE THEIR INDEPENDENCE IN THAT THE INDIVIDUALS CONCERNED IN THEIR MANAGEMENT AND POLICY WILL BE PAID AND PENSIONABLE GOVERNMENT SERVANTS.

There will be nothing in England outside the State service qualified to level criticism at it.

### THE TRAP

#### Attractive conditions

The danger is real and immediate. Many physicians and surgeons believe that the Minister has recognised that the shortest way to a State monopoly is through the consultant branch of the profession, and has set out to make conditions of service in this branch attractive for this reason alone.

They believe that if they accepted the conditions they would open the way to a State monopoly, and thus condemn medicine and surgery in this country to a long period of stagnation.

What do the physicians and surgeons who oppose the Act wish to put in its place?

They wish for a comprehensive service which is not a monopoly. They wish for the survival of great men in the profession of medicine who are free to speak their mind.

They wish, above all, for the survival of voluntary hospitals with their record of service and discovery in the past.

Such hospitals have been the nursery of great men and great minds. For these hospitals there must certainly be State assistance, but need there be State ownership? Ownership is essential for a monopoly. It is not essential for a service.

### START AGAIN? Chance for Bevan

The public and the profession are not at variance. They both want a service which ministers to public well-being and not to political ideals.

The present Act cannot produce what is required. But the work which has gone into framing it and into the discussions on its provisions has not been wasted. Both sides have learned much.

The possibility of making a fresh start and producing an Act worthy of its purpose provides an opportunity for the Minister to prove that he is a great man and not a political time server. Let him take it.

[Mr. Gardham, writer of this article, is a distinguished surgeon. The Medical Directory lists his record as—

M. S. Lond. 1926; M.B., B.S., 1923; F.R.C.P. Lond., 1921; Hon. Prof. 1939; Mem. Court. Exam. R.C.S.; Fell. Assn. Surgs. Fell. Roy. Soc. Med. (Mem. Coop. Surg. Sect.); late Exam. in Surg. Dent. Bd. R.C.S.; Cons. Surg. 14th Army and East Command, India. Author: "Operas on Jaw, Mouth and Tongue." Turner's Mod. Operat. Surg.]

## SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"Pop's stalling—he's afraid mother will do as she threatens and pick up part of the tip!"

## The Emir asks us to come in . . .

BENGHAZI.

WHEN I look out of my window I look right down into Benghazi Harbour. The Americans tell us that this is the answer to the Communist threats to the independence of non-Communist Greece.

I am looking at the harbour now. I see the black rusting hulls of five Italian steamers lying on their sides, firmly silted into the strategic positions which they have occupied for the last five years.

I see the outer mole of the harbour in a shambles. Bombs, shells, and the weather have broken great gaps in it. Every day new bits crumble away as the breakers crash over it.

A big, Gibraltar-like naval base in Benghazi, complete with docks and forts? Well, it could be done. But the present depth of the harbour is not much more than 15 feet.

To build new moles, dredge deep channels suitable for big ships, and construct deep docks in the present shallow seaplane base would cost roughly £40,000,000 and take the best part of four years. Four years, that is, counting from the moment that all the gear arrives and is in place, and the Italians have finished fishing up their sunken merchant ships.

Certainly the guerilla war in total Tripolitania population of 800,000, is unlikely to constitute a problem.

This favourable condition of things in Libya has clearly been noted in London and in Washington.

A War Office working party has recently visited Cyrenaica and Tripolitania and made recommendations for the development of both these areas. The new plans go well beyond the modest care and maintenance programme originally planned.

### Best bet

TRIPOLI HARBOUR is also coming in for a dredging and development scheme. And in some ways this is the best bet. For Tripoli has a substantial population, both in the town and in the hinterland. This would oblige manpower shortage, as at Tobruk.

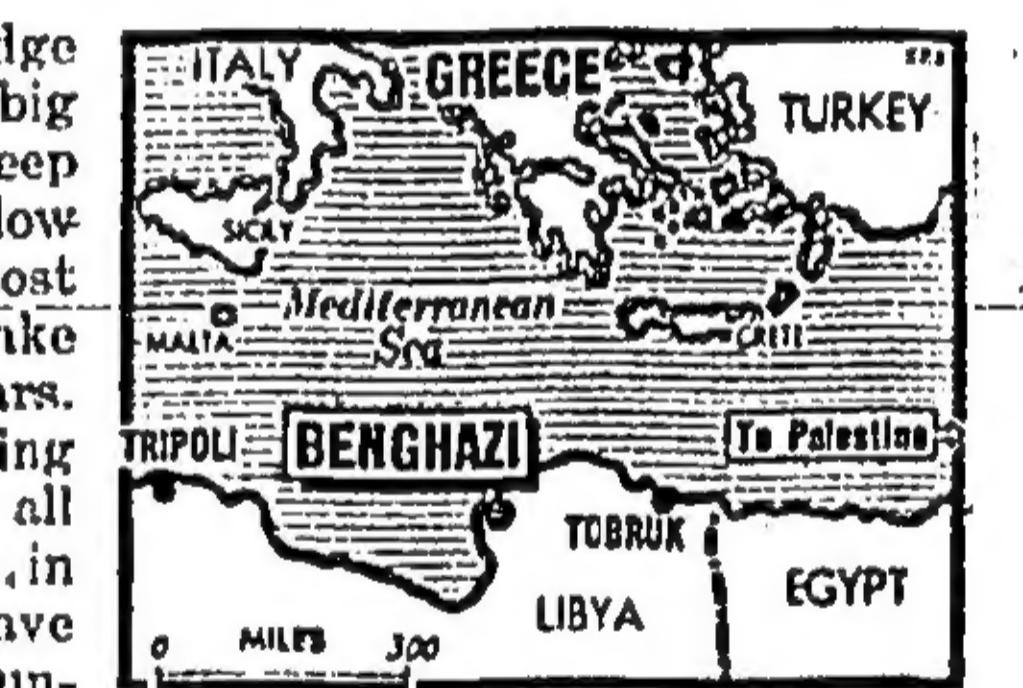
Tripoli has excellent airfields which, unlike Tobruk, are not liable to be put out of action frequently by sandstorms and mist.

I think it is significant that the Americans seem now to be turning their attention to Tripoli rather than Cyrenaica. Not a single American has visited Cyrenaica recently. In Tripoli, on the other hand, more and more Americans are to be seen.

There is one other sign of Whitehall's reawakened interest in this country. Everywhere I go I see men taking measurements, noting, plotting and planning. They are the advance party making arrangements for the arrival of the troops to be deployed here from Palestine.

I feel confident that when the future of Libya is decided either by the Foreign Ministers or, if they cannot agree, by UNO—and I can only envisage a solution which hands the country back to the Arabs—the militarists will repay their debt.

I believe we shall find that the opening up of the country's military and strategic resources contributes to the general prosperity and development of this poverty-stricken land.



### Key man

THE Emir of Cyrenaica, Sir Sayid Mohamed Idris el Senussi, whose stencilled portrait—a kindly prophet in turban, spectacles and beard—has replaced the demagogue bull-head of the Duce on the walls of Benghazi, confirmed this when I called on him, at home in a former gambling casino outside Benghazi.

The assurances the Emir gave me are most important because in the event—which I believe most likely—of Tripolitania and Cyrenaica being granted independence in a federal union, he will rule over this now independent Arab Libya. Moreover, his influence with the population is immense.

The Emir, a pleasant, donnish man with a high thin voice, made it abundantly clear to me that he would:

Engage British technicians and experts to help in the administration and development of his country, as well as the training of his army and police. Grant us such bases as we need for the defence of our common interests. The Italian minority in Tripolitania, amounting to 4,000 out of the

EVERY SATURDAY

## WOMANSENSE

FULL-PAGE FEATURE



Each of these sketches is drawn to illustrate the trend towards more feminine clothes—stressed for instance in the angle at which you wear your hat, the way you walk

## Fashion is Spinach AMERICA FIGHTS "NEW LOOK"

By Virginia Stafford

NEW YORK.—If, as Elizabeth Hawes entitled her book of a few years ago, "Fashion is Spinach"—meaning style is nonsense, a woman should wear clothes which fit her type—then the current long-skirt, padded-hip trend is hard to swallow for militant American housewives and their budgeting husbands.

The death of a war production rule conserving material and Paris are held responsible for the "New Look" of longer skirts and hip drapery. When this restriction was lifted, stylists plunged into creative design up to their thimble fingers and emerged with a revolutionary silhouette.

Reaction was immediate. Many women have adopted the trend eagerly, reliable surveys show the new styles are selling rapidly, but the majority of them have disappeared. And this persistent discontent has grown into organized protest as skirts continue to go ankleward.

## OPPOSITION

Forerunner of the Opposition Party—more evidence of the American habit of forming a club at the slightest excuse—is the "Little Below the Knee Club" of Dallas, Texas, founded by Mrs. Warren J. Woodward, attractive brunette wife of a combat war veteran. With her have banded 1,300 determined Texas women who "don't feel like throwing away their entire wardrobe."

An active group, this L.B.K. Club, they held a spirited rally in a city park, laid the groundwork for a parade and banquet later in the season. A guest speaker at their first meeting, owner of a local dress shop, maintained, "I think you ladies are right. The designers and the dress industry are trying to get away with murder. The new styles render even your coats obsolete, and with half the world begging for material to cover its naked back, I can't see that there's any justification for these drastic fashions."

Said club member Mrs. A. B. Taylor, "During the First World War I wore hobble skirts and had to hol-



## FRESHEN UP THAT FROCK

WITH undecided weather and few new clothes, what can a woman do? Try brightening what you have with white. The shops have plenty of white doeskin (which is washable) and white petticoat ribbon. From these materials you can make the "fresheners" sketched by Virginia.

The detachable belt and cuff set (1) refreshes an old wool frock. It is easy to make and easy to launder.

A couple of yards of 2-3in. wide white petticoat should be sufficient for the set, plus some buttons. Work buttonholes at 3in. intervals round the wool cuffs and belt of the frock first. Then make the white cuffs and belt, sewing the buttons to them at 3in. intervals to correspond to the buttonholes, allowing the petticoat to show about 1in. either side of the belt and above the cuffs.

## STREAMERS

The girl at (2) has brightened her felt bowler with a hatband and two long streamers of white petticoat ribbon. But she has added an individual touch with her initials worked at either end of the ribbon in the same colour as her hat.

When the weather permits, a large, plain black straw hat can be

considerably brightened with a circle of white flowers worn near the brim, as in Sketch 3. Artificial flowers are expensive these days, so make them out with dark green leaves, and choose smooth or stiff flowers; velvet or soft silk flowers are liable to become wilted and dusty very quickly.

Doeskin is used again (4) to lighten a navy or black frock. Choker necklaces and dog-collars are a popular accessory, and here is a fringed white choker, easily made by stretching a strip of doeskin over a length of cord, of any thickness.

## FRINGE

Either machine the skin very close to the cord, afterwards carefully fringing the double thickness close to the line of stitching, or roll the leather round the cord, leaving a single thickness to be fringed and attach the choker by hand at the back as neatly as possible.

Fasten with a hook and eye, or else with a strip of doeskin, tied in a bow at the back.

The gloves are also made of doeskin—again from any paper pattern—but elastic run through wrist and top enables the gauntlet to be pushed down to the wrist in a doubled frill.

## Dinner for 4

### It was cooked five years ago—unfrozen, heated up and eaten

MY meal had been cooked and ready to eat for five years before I sat down to table.

It was an experimental meal. Half an hour before I had held in my hands the five packages you see in the picture on the right.

They represent a cooked three-course meal for four people. This was our menu: Tomato soup; chicken, mushrooms, tomatoes, and sherry sauce; Brussels sprouts; fried potatoes; plum fool.

Each frozen block—measuring about 6ins. x 5ins. x 2ins. deep—is a course or part of it. From package to table is completed in three moves: Thaw it, warm it, and serve it.

This was the cost of the meal per person: Soup, 3½d.; chicken, 6d.; potatoes, 4d.; Brussels sprouts, 7½d.; plum fool, 3½d.

My friends tried it and liked it. This was their verdict: Why must we wait for this? Surely we could have in unrationed foods now? It is a blessing for wives whose husbands are detained at the office.

I found this "Food"—as the new frozen food is called—on show at the Hotel, Restaurant, and Catering Exhibition.

A process developed by Britain during the war enables cooked food to stay fresh and keep its flavour for up to five years. It must be eaten within 48 hours of thawing.

The makers say that at the moment "rationing difficulties" are keeping the process out of reach of housewives but airline passengers are already being served with it.

## PAGODA LOOK Replaces 'New Look'

By Gerry Hill

London, Jan. 28.—Norman Hartnell unveiled his "Pagoda Look" today in a bid to overwhelm the "New Look" and lure dollars from the American fashion market.

Hartnell's Look is ultra-feminine, without a trace of the masculine line of the postwar fashion world.

Soft flares and swirls circle around suits with short Pagoda jackets and umbrella-pleated skirts.

Six months ago, the Royal designer condemned long skirts. Today he is a willing victim to hemlines eight and nine inches off the ground.

"But," cry Hartnell's girls, "we are tired of the New Look—our look is the Pagoda."

Foreign buyers from both sides of the Atlantic rubbed shoulders in Hartnell's long-mirrored salon, where the designer sketched and traced Princess Elizabeth's wedding gown. They fingered a collection of the finest British woolsens, rayons, crepes, plain tulles and pure silk, and British silkless satins. They eyed exquisite hand embroidery adorning the evening gowns. They commented on the voluminous collars which Hartnell admitted "look like unfolded Arab tents."

A little black suit entitled "Parapluie" featured a Pagoda-shaped jacket with nipped waistline, worn over an umbrella pleated full skirt. A blouse embroidered with sequins was worn underneath.—United Press.

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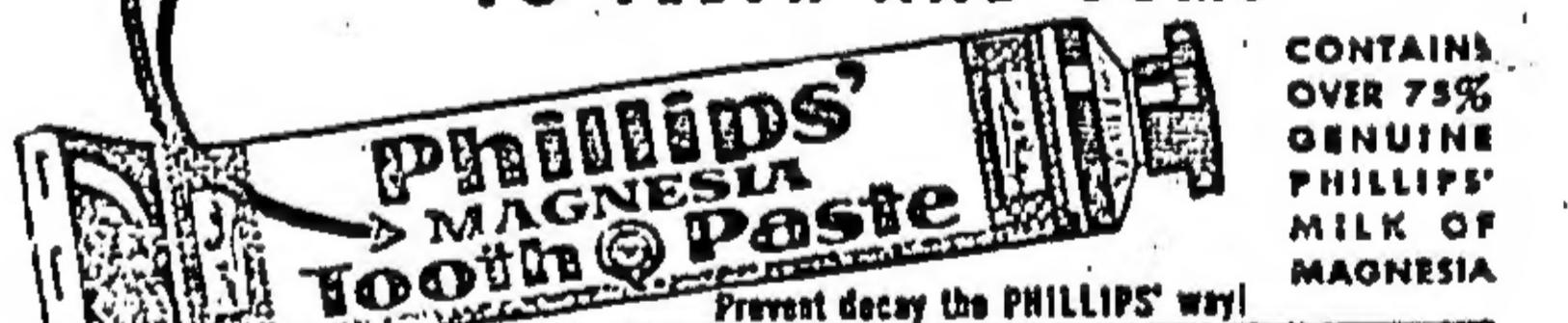
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Now, it's time for your herbal tea. That very necessary aid to skin beauty. Use it generously, Lillian Cooper advises.

Then foundation cream—to protect your skin from sun, wind and dust and to serve as a basis for your make-up.

Finally, powder and rouge. Lipstick, and what have you. And bring on your day. You're ready for it!

Lincoln Ford Mercury

# French Explorer Ends Solo Trip Of Lolo Region & Lake Kokonor

By Roy Essoyan  
(Associated Press Correspondent)

DR Andre Migot, 52-year-old student of Eastern religion and philosophy, reached Shanghai a few days ago after a one-man expedition through Tibet. His trip stretched all the way from the land of the Lolas in the south to the wild and mountainous Lake Kokonor region in the north, which an American expedition is planning to explore this month.

In March last year Dr Migot left Hanoi, pushed north through the mountains of Lolo-land, and at Tachienlu—on the Sikang-Szechuan border—struck eastward into Tibet. In September, more than five months and 3,000 miles later, he reached Lanchow, base for the planned Milton Reynolds-Boston Museum expedition starting this month.

Before the war, Dr Migot went from France to Calcutta on a bicycle, through Italy, Greece, Turkey, Iraq, Persia, Afghanistan and India. He wanted to study Indian religions but arrived in India in September, 1939, and, when the world war started, joined the French forces.

On his trip through Tibet last year, Dr Migot survived attacks by bandits, imprisonment by the Chinese Reds, and a small-scale civil war in Lolo—and seemingly unperturbed and even pleased at what he considered interesting experiences.

## LIVED LIKE TIBETAN

For five months he lived, ate and dressed like a Tibetan—and, he says, he thrived on it. He has studied the language in his native France and had no difficulty making himself understood. He found the people friendly and co-operative, and took in his stride the adventures that crossed his path.

But Dr Migot didn't get to Shanghai until a few days ago. After reaching Lanchow he took time out for a long stab into Inner Mongolia, and back near Peiping—"just for good measure," he says—he spent two weeks as a prisoner of the Chinese Reds.

## WILDEST AREA

On the last lap of his Tibetan expedition, before reaching Lanchow, Dr Migot passed through what he described as the wildest area of his travels—the high land between Lake Ngoring and the Anyemachin mountain range where the Reynolds expedition hopes to find a peak higher than Mt. Everest.

## STAPLE FOOD

He passed within sight of the Anyemachin range—"snow-capped peaks soaring into the sky"—and skirted Lake Ngoring, source of the Yellow River.

"During that last lap we didn't see a human being for three weeks," Dr Migot told the Associated Press. "It was all desert and short, stubby grass. And wild, the wildest country I passed through. One member of a French expedition was killed by Noglog tribesmen there some years ago."

This part of China is so wild and deserted, Dr Migot said, that only the biggest caravans venture through it—and that only once or twice a year.

## COLLECT BOOKS

Well-known scholar of Buddhist and Tibetan civilisation, Dr Migot's main aim during his pilgrimage through the little-known wastes of Sikaang was to collect books and manuscripts on Buddhism and Buddhist paintings, and to further his studies in Buddhist philosophy. He is a graduate of the Louvre College in Oriental Archaeology and the College of High Studies in Buddhist Philology, and is head of an archaeological mission for the French

## BY THE WAY by Beachcomber

THE American film people are reported to be considering the introduction of advertisements into films; cleverly interpolated boosts for certain goods.

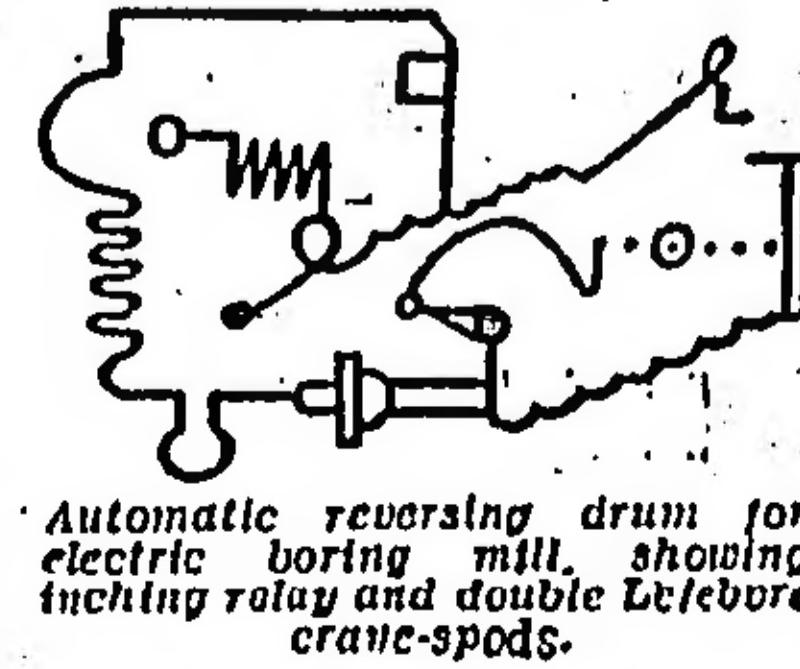
I am all for it, especially if it is done with humour. Here is a bit of dialogue for a tense love scene. "Your eyes . . . your hair . . . your face in the moonlight . . . What's this stuff that makes you so madly lovely?" "Silbbo." "But surely you don't rub Silbbo on your face?" "Why not?" "Well—pardon my mirth—Silbbo is for polishing floors. No wonder you shine!" Then, on with the scene.

## Marvels of science

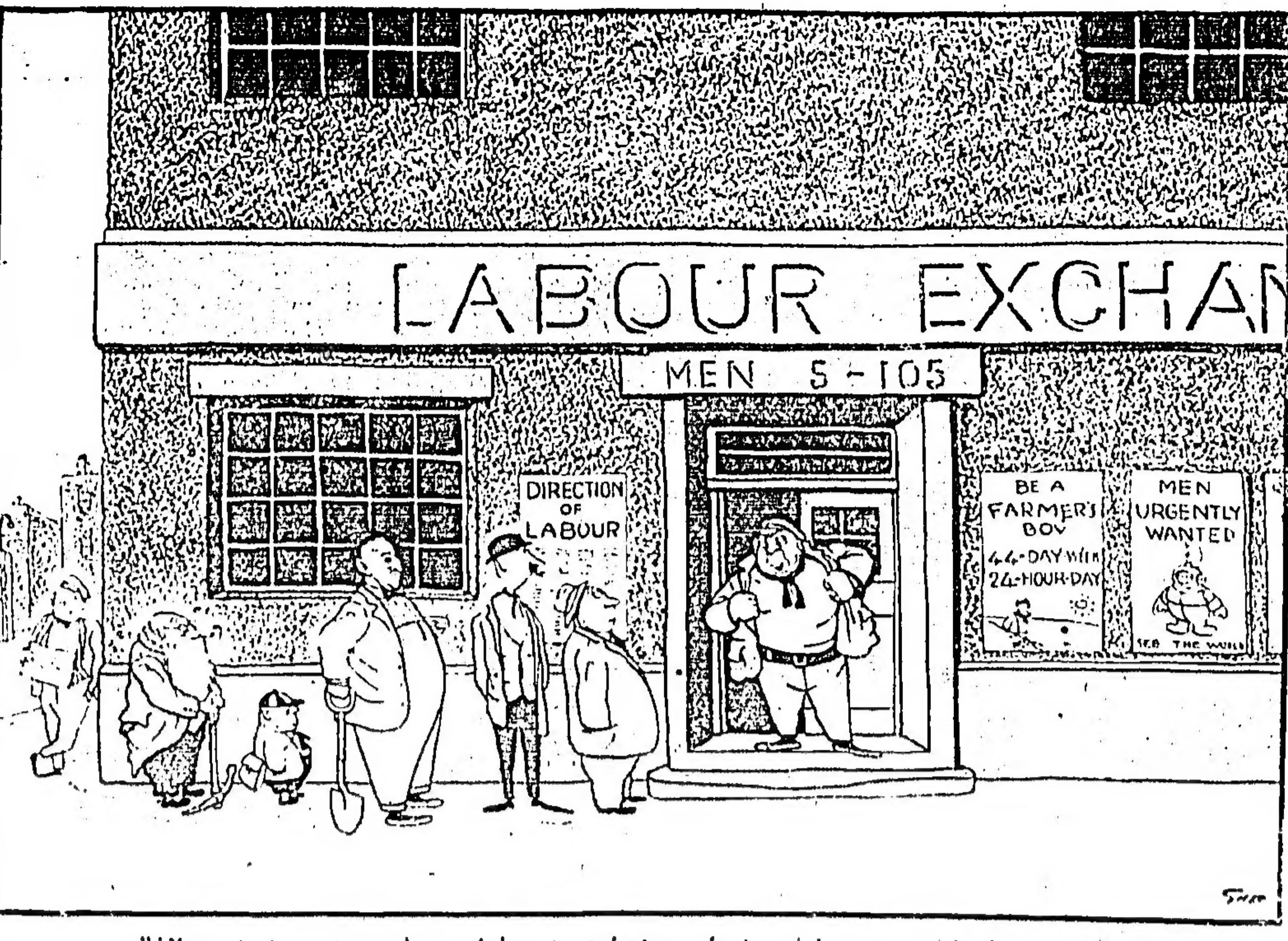
"Is he dead, chief?" "Stone cold, Knifed." "Knifed?" "Yep. One of Jivett and Romburg's self-cleaning stainless knives." "Gee, they're swell!"

Was Henry James  
Mrs. Trefadden?

SPIFFISCH in his Geschäftliche Schreibmaschine, which Munnu has well called the vademecum,



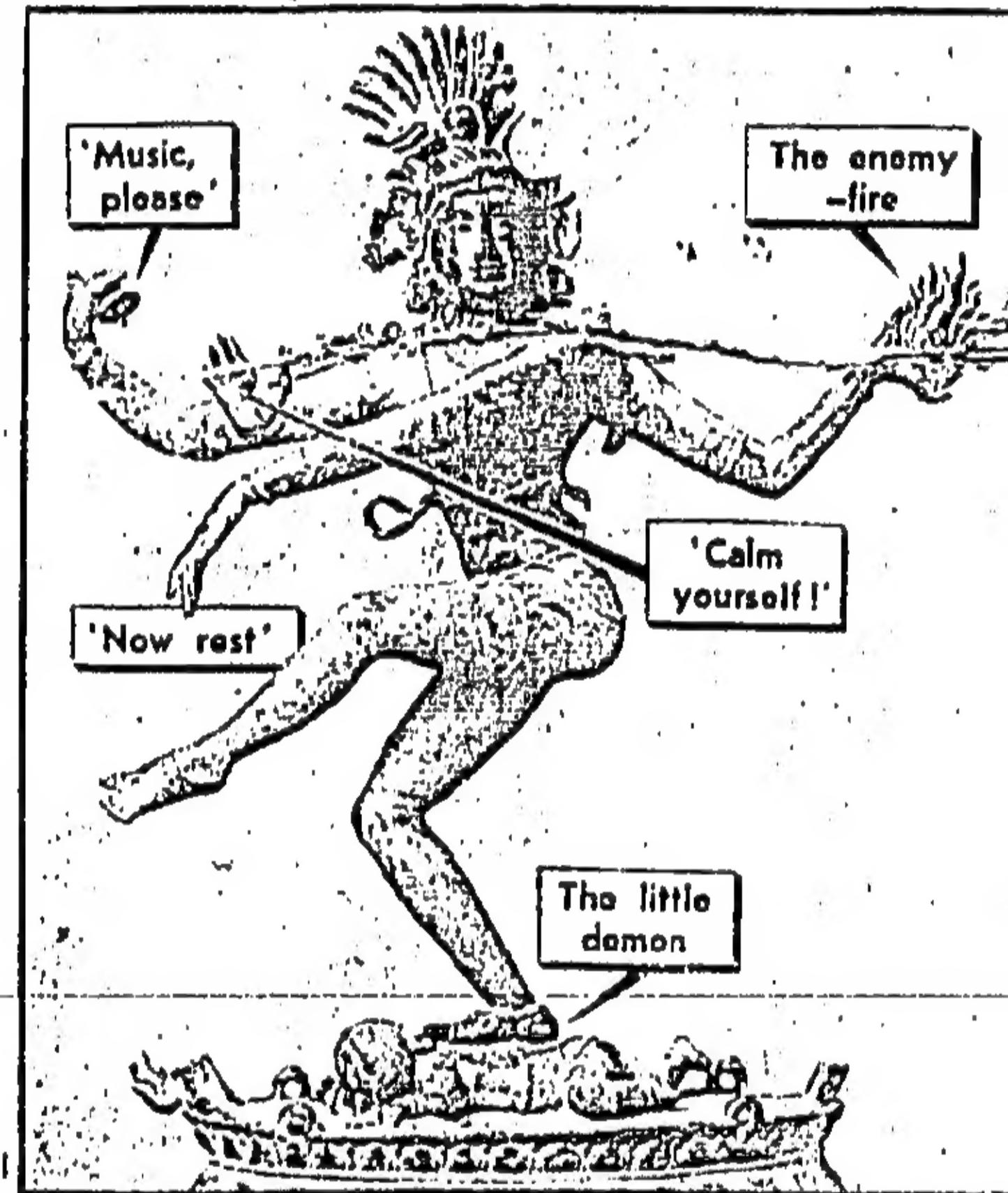
Automatic reversing drum for electric boring mill, showing inching relay and double Deleville crane spuds.



"You start next week as stoker in a hot-pio factory," he said. "And you can go to a hotter place than that," I said."

# Siva just keeps on talking . . .

With his hands, of course!



## BERNARD WICKSTEED has Fun Finding Out

The old Indian sculptors did a hint that you should put not exaggerate just for fun, something in the poor box. If they had a reason for it. Their god is holding up his hand work was entirely devoted to like a policeman stopping oncoming traffic, it means he is giving you a blessing.

Some of the figures have six and eight arms, and by saying something different with each they can practically deliver a sermon.

You have to be an expert to understand what they say, but I got an Indian who was wandering round the exhibition to do a little translating.

He took me to exhibit 464. This is a bronze figure of the god Siva dancing on the prostrate body of a small child. According to my Indian it is not really a small child but a demon.

This Siva has four arms. The outside left arm (on the right in the picture) is saying something about fire, and the inside left is indicating repose. The top right hand is playing music and the other is held out in a gesture of reassurance.

Freely translated this means that Siva has destroyed the fire demon, good has triumphed over evil, there is no need to worry any more and everyone can relax.

A hand held out with fingers pointing down means "giving." In other words, it is quite a trade in them by

Indian and European idol-smashers.

Temple idols are not the only forms of Indian art that the well-informed man should know about. There is also Indian painting.

Most of this is Hindu work. The old Moslems had a tradition that painting was an assumption by man of divine powers and that painters would go to hell.

On Judgment Day, they said, the painters would be called upon to put life into their creations, and naturally they wouldn't be able to do it.

## Akbar's Influence

AKBAR, the greatest of the Mughal Emperors, who came to the throne in 1556 when he was 13 years old, helped to break down this tradition.

He said that painting made an artist realise he could not give life to his work, and so his thoughts naturally turned to God.

This Mogul school of painting which Akbar started flourished for several hundred years and resulted in some of the finest work in the exhibition. Every worth-while Mogul had his court painters who used to sign their work.

They were the only Indian artists who did, which is why nearly all the work in the exhibition is anonymous.

No one knows who moulded the dancing Siva or carved the two-ton woman. The unknown masters were hereditary craftsmen with much the same status as thinkers or tailors.

They went about their work without fuss in the bazaars with no thought of achieving

# IN AND OUT OF PARLIAMENT

By Ernest Thurtle, M.P.

THE American State Department might almost be charged with spreading dismay and despondency among our people by publishing its analysis of the probable British economic situation at the end of June 1952.

A prospect that in Britain we shall still have food, clothing, and petrol rationing four and a half years from now is the reverse of thrilling.

Presumably the State Department has tended to paint the picture in dark colours in order to make Congress realise how necessary it is to approve the Marshall plan promptly.

Yet its gloomy estimate must have some sort of factual basis derived from Britain. That is what disturbs, for the conclusions set forth are worse than anything our own leaders, even the realist Sir Stafford, have so far told us.

Can we be given some reassuring words on this subject?

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THE education of our people concerning the real nature of the so-called "Progressive" or "Popular" democracies of Eastern Europe proceeds apace.

Bulgarian Communist Dimitrov (of Comintern fame) revealed a new technique when he hinted to defiant Socialist deputies that they might share the fate of the hanged leader Petkov.

It is truly an odd sort of democracy which employs, as a method of changing opinion, the threat of a hangman's rope.

I am prejudiced enough to hope that this new method will not spread to Britain.

It would indeed provide a poor politician with much food for serious thought.

Yet there are said to be some M.P.s in our own Parliament who find the new Balkan "democracies" attractive.

We must trust their education is proceeding.

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RING out the false, ring in the true, may be said to be the New Year's message of Mr Morgan Phillips to the Labour Movement.

His call for the rooting out of the Communists and fellow travellers was not exactly a message of peace and good will, yet within it was very timely.

Basically tolerant and pacific, the Labour Movement is prone to be meek and gentle with these disrupters, and they have taken full advantage of the fact.

Now the need for self-preservation comes into the picture.

By command of the alien Comintern a barefaced attempt to wreck industrial recovery is being attempted by the Communists.

Their success would mean more misery for the people of Britain, and certain disaster for the Labour Government.

Therefore they must be fought, and fought without quarter, for they stand condemned as the enemies of the people.

In this Pollitt versus Morgan Phillips duel I put my money on the Labour Party secretary, a Welshman, whose quiet manner and studious appearance belie his fighting quality.

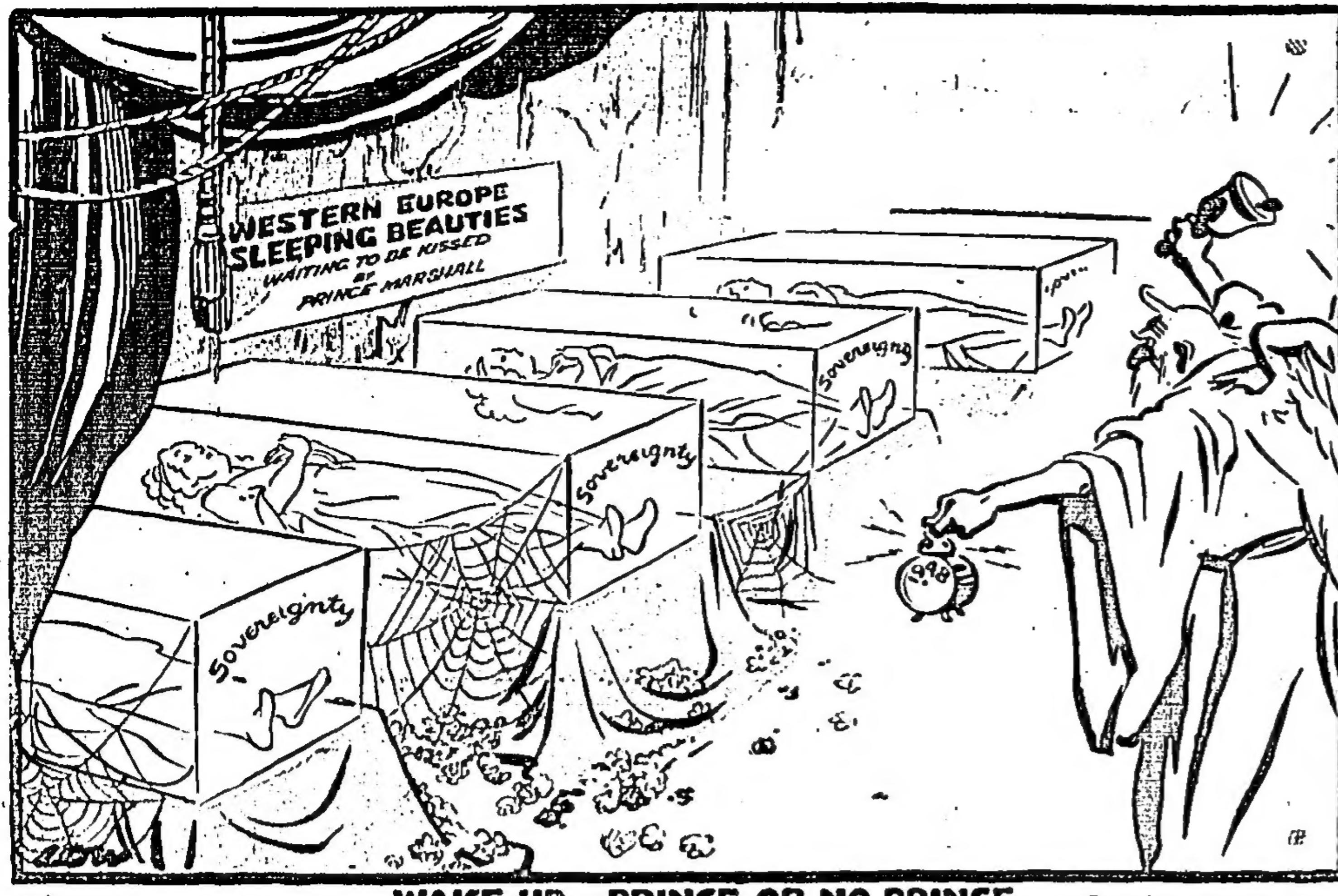
Alert and well informed, facts and logic are his weapons.

If he puts the case for political Labour with the thoroughness and precision Lord Clitrone was wont to display at industrial gatherings.

He may be outshone in fiery emotional appeal by Harry Pollitt, but when it comes to hard fact and clear logic this earnest democrat from the Welsh mines will triumph every time.

Morgan is aggressive, but only after the manner of the wicked animal who, when attacked, had the temerity to defend himself.





WAKE UP - PRINCE OR NO PRINCE

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## DRAMAS OF THE LAW COURTS . . . 3

## How a frightened man was nearly sentenced to death

by . . . A. E. BOWKER  
confidential clerk to SIR EDWARD  
MARSHALL HALL, K.C.

**O**N a bright summer evening in July 1919 the villagers of Stoughton, a few miles from Leicester, were horrified by the discovery of the body of 21-year-old Bella Wright lying on the grass verge of a lonely country lane, her bicycle near by.

Only 35 minutes had elapsed between the time she left the home of her uncle in company with a man riding a green bicycle and the discovery of her dead body by a farmer.

At first it was thought that her death was the result of an accident and that she had been thrown on to her head through her cycle running over a stone.

That was the view of the doctor called to the scene after the first cursory examination.

**FOUND BULLET**

**B**UT Constable Hall, a local policeman, was not satisfied in his own mind, and the next morning he made a thorough search at the scene of the tragedy, finding a revolver bullet apparently trodden into the road by the hoof of a horse.

At once there was a hue and cry for the man with the green bicycle.

Eight months were to elapse before the long arm of coincidence reached out to bring about an arrest.

And it is worth while noting from the beginning how circumstantial evidence, which at times can prove the strongest possible evidence against a guilty person, can, at other times, be just as strong against a perfectly innocent person.

On February 23, 1920, a canal boatman taking a load of coal to the factory where Bella Wright had at one time been employed saw his tow-rope tauten and bring to the surface of the water a part of a bicycle.

The bit of the machine dropped back into the water, but the suspicions of the boatman were excited.

Next day he dragged the water near the spot, and recovered the frame of a green bicycle.

Certain identification marks had been very carefully filed away.

It was proved that this cycle had been sold to a Mr Light on May 18, 1919—again that unlucky number 13—by agents of the B.S.A. Company at Birmingham.

Further dragging operations produced a revolver holster con-

training many rounds of live ammunition of a certain pattern, .455, corresponding with the bullet which had caused the wound in the head of Bella Wright.

It is necessary to go back on our story a little to get the full details well in mind.

When Bella Wright called at her uncle's house on the fatal evening round about 7.30 p.m., she was accompanied by a man on a green bicycle and the discovery of her dead body by a farmer.

A son-in-law of the uncle was present, and, being something of an expert on cycles, he noticed the machine ridden by the man and observed certain special features about it.

Bella mentioned that the man outside was a "perfect stranger" to her, and she appeared reluctant to go out again, remarking: "If I wait a little while, he may be gone."

When the girl did leave the cottage the son-in-law went outside with her, and chatted with the "man with the green bicycle" for a few minutes, remarking on the various gadgets attached to the machine.

**RODE OFF TOGETHER**

**A**ND—as the girl came out of the front door this witness heard the stranger say: "Bella, you have been a long time."

This was of great importance, because it, as the girl said, the man on the green bicycle was a complete stranger to her, and had simply spoken to her while riding in the same direction, how was it that he addressed her by her Christian name, Bella?

After that short conversation at the gate Bella and the stranger rode off together, and—the girl was never seen alive again.

Subsequent inquiries resulted in the evidence of the two little girls who said they had been accosted by Light on the afternoon of the tragedy.

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He told of his Army career, and how he had become possessed of a revolver which was taken away with his other kit, when he was sent to England from overseas as a stretcher case.

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"I did not call her Bella," said Light. "I did not know her name till I read it in the newspapers."

He declared that he had never been in the Little Stretton district on the day of the tragedy, had never met Bella Wright, and knew nothing whatever about her.

Later on, when he realised that the police had definite knowledge regarding the cycle, he admitted that



Bella Wright

he had owned one years before, but had sold it. He also admitted having met Bella Wright on the evening of the tragedy.

In due course Light came to trial at Leicester.

To the general surprise, I fancy, Marshall Hall asked only a casual question or two of the witnesses as they gave their evidence.

He realised that there could be no question of an alibi with regard to Light having been with Bella Wright on that fatal evening. The identification was too clear and unchallengeable.

In fact, there were only two points of evidence upon which he did challenge the prosecution; that was the evidence of the uncle and the son-in-law to the effect that Light, on seeing the girl come out of the cottage, remarked: "Bella, you have been a long time."

Marshall Hall put it to them both that Light said "Hello" and not "Bella," but neither witness would agree.

I feel pretty sure, however, that they were honestly mistaken. It was an easy mistake to make.

**GIRL'S STORY**

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The girl told me she worked at a tyre factory, and could get tyres at cost price," Light told the court.

He had already mentioned repairing a flat tyre, and what more likely

than that in the course of conversation the girl should volunteer the information about getting tyres at cost price.

And it was true that she worked at a tyre factory, the St. Mary's Rubber Mills in Leicester.

The evidence that he and the girl rode away together was true, admitted Light, who went on to describe how, when they got to the junction of two roads, the girl said: "I must say good-bye here; I am going that way," pointing to the left.

He went off down the other road, and he never saw her again.

**THE BICYCLE**

**L**IIGHT then told the court why he had removed the identification mark from his cycle and got rid of the revolver holder containing the ammunition.

He realised that he was in an awkward position when he read the newspapers and learned of the hunt for the man with the green bicycle. He decided to take it apart and throw it into the canal. The same applied to the holder.

In cross-examination Light said he got rid of the bicycle because "from the first day I ever saw the accounts every paper was saying the man who had ridden on this green bicycle had murdered the girl."

"Why, Mr Light, didn't you give information?"

"Because at the first I was absolutely dazed I could not make up my mind what to do."

And then, in reply to the judge, Light, amid a tense silence, said in a quiet voice:

"I did not make up my mind deliberately not to go forward, I was astounded and frightened at this unexpected thing. I kept on hesitating, and in the end I drifted into doing nothing at all."

Asked why he had not confided his position to his mother, Light replied with perhaps the one trace of emotion throughout the whole of his evidence.

"She had had a lot of worry and suffered from heart trouble, and of all people mother was the last person I wanted to know about it. It was to save her worry that I did not come forward."

After three hours the jury returned a verdict of Not Guilty.

A dense crowd which had gathered outside burst into loud cheers.

**GRATEFUL**

**L**IIGHT, as I have said, was a fine witness, and appeared to be a decent sort of a chap, against whom nothing of an unpleasant character was known.

Immediately after his acquittal he wrote the following letter to the man who had so brilliantly defended him.

"Dear Sir,

The first letter I am writing on my release is, of course, to you.

I cannot find words to express how grateful I am to you for your great and successful efforts on my behalf. It seems rather feeble to say "Thank you" for saving my life, but I feel sure you will understand what I think.

Your speech to the jury was simply great, and practically obliterated any previous impressions they had obtained from hearing Mr Maddocks.

I shall always remember you with the deepest gratitude.

Yours sincerely,

Ronald Light.  
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**NEXT WEEK:**

**The Mystery Of The Poisoned Wine**

## "Candidus" once again stresses the Importance Of A New Airport

**F**ROM experience gained over a quarter of a century in a British Colony, I should say that London will never appreciate colonial problems and aspirations until the Colonial Office investigates local questions on the spot. Moreover, it is imperative in the interests of the British Empire (assuming, of course, that London has an interest in the Empire) that the potentialities of every corner of the Empire should not only be understood but developed.

Once again the question has been raised in the House of Commons concerning the provision of a new airport for Hongkong, and once again the Secretary of State for the Colonies has stated that he is not in a position to make a statement. He did mention that the matter is under active consideration, to which remark an independent member sarcastically enquired when would native consideration pass to passive action?

**A**S far as Hongkong is concerned, there is nothing very funny about the fact that the Colonial Office displays such indifference. We are not amused, especially when we realise how little this Colony is thought of by those who, by political circumstance, control its administration.

The British Government (the present British Government) boasts of its desire to speed up exports, and the great "Export Drive" is in full swing (that is, if buyers can wait four or five years for completion of some orders) and, presumably, Hongkong is at least reckoned as one of the "buyer colonies." Does it not occur to the Colonial Office that it will not be very long before manufacturing nations will be competing with each other in delivering many of their products by air, and that in order to compete successfully, overseas airports will be of primary importance?

**T**HIS great port of trade in the Far East must either progress or stagnate, and there can be no mistake made in asserting that an airport capable of handling safely the great traffic of the future must be provided immediately. Even now, it is overdue, and yet the Colonial Secretary is not yet in a position to make a statement.

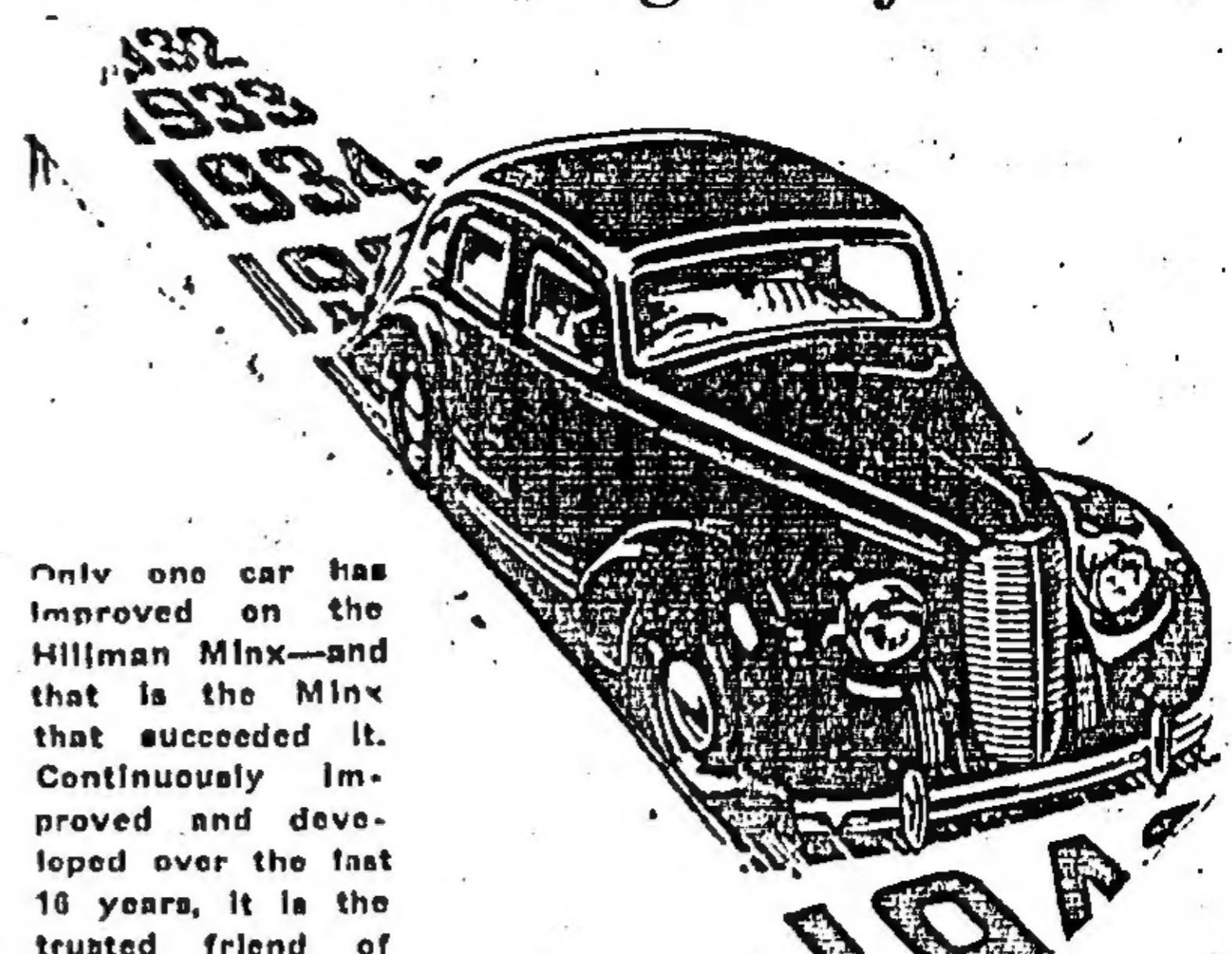
To quibble over the financial aspect shows a complete lack of knowledge of the importance of the matter. A loan could be raised in London—or, if that is contrary to the present Government's policy, I have no doubt whatever that New York would quickly provide the necessary money. The proposition is, in my opinion—and many people I have spoken to agree—as sound as investors could desire.

If, however, Hongkong is to wait indefinitely until red tape and stupidity finally wreck the future of Hongkong, we might as well pack up and seek a more enlightened climate.

I quite realise that the provision of modern airports is only one of the major problems, but most of the others are closely interlinked with the necessity for up-to-date air facilities.

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**PLACARD****"WAR"****DEMAND**

The Soviet government newspaper, Izvestia, has called on the placard industry to get busy mass-producing posters against war incendiaries and Soviet citizens who find admirable qualities in foreign culture.

It criticised the "Art Publishing House," the biggest placard plant, for not yet having produced posters appealing for the fulfilment of the five-year plan, in four years, or praising the monetary reform and abolishment of rationing.

The first war placard was up 24 hours after the German Invasion, Izvestia said, suggesting that such ought to be the norm, with placard factories as sensitive to developments as newspaper plants.

More satire is needed, too, according to the paper.

"It is not the direct duty of the placard printers to strike with the whip of satire the war incendiaries of all shades and types—the trans-ocean followers of Goebbels and Roosevelt, who invent new race theories and the traitors of the working class," Izvestia said.

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"Your sincerely,

Ronald Light.  
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**Joyce Kilmer Relics**

# •• SPORTS FEATURES ••

## 2nd DIV. NEEDLE MATCH TODAY

### Navy "B" And Eastern HONGKONG'S INTERPORT XI ANALYSED

(BY "SEE TEE")

A week-end of routine league matches precedes next week's big Interport games with Shanghai. Today the Navy Ground at Causeway Bay is the venue of two most interesting league matches. The two top clubs of the Second Division, Navy "B" and Eastern, meet in a needle match which commences at 2.30 p.m. It is followed by the meeting of the sailors' senior eleven with Sing Tao. The Sing Tao team may include five of Hongkong's team to meet Shanghai on Tuesday.

Most attractive of tomorrow's fixtures is at Caroline Hill where St. Joseph's do battle with South China.

The Navy's second eleven battle with their chief rivals Eastern's second string, who, incidentally are the only team to lower their colours this season, is one of the highlights of today's local football. Eastern took away Navy "B"s undefeated record when they beat them 5-3 on November 1st. Although Eastern's junior eleven has been weakened a little by players being promoted to the first team (in what odd corners blows the winds of transfers!) they are still very lively combination. The Navy will have to go all the way to avenge their previous defeat.

This junior division battle is followed by a most interesting first division fixture—the Navy v. Sing Tao. In recent weeks, the sailors have been able to keep their eleven more unchanged than at any time throughout the season. There are no more than a couple of changes from the side which did so well against South China a fortnight ago.

It is unfortunate, though, that the Navy eleven gets little or no opportunity to train and practise together as a team.

#### POWERFUL SING TAO

Sing Tao on the other hand should be able to field a strong, well trained team. Five Sing Tao players have been chosen to represent Hongkong on Chinese New Year's Day; but it is not certain that all of this quintet will be in action this afternoon. Sing Tao have sufficient good reserves to rest nearly all of them. This is the first meeting of the two clubs this season. Indications are that Sing Tao will win, but the Navy, despite crippling injuries to three of their best players, managed to hold South China to a draw a fortnight ago.

Other first division matches today are Kwong Wah v. the Club at Boundary-street, and RAF v. Eastern at Sookpoo. The Club beat Kwong Wah 3-2 in their early season league meeting. RAF and Eastern have not met before this season.

Caroline Hill promises to be the scene of a rousing match tomorrow afternoon. The occasion is the return league match between St. Joseph's and South China. South China won the last game, which was also played at Caroline Hill, on October 15. Both the Saints and South China have very sprightly forward lines, which should make this a fast end to end game.

#### SOOKPPOO MATCH

The Sookpoo meeting of 25th RA and the Police is another good match tomorrow. In their mid-October match the final score was a 1-1 draw. When Kowloon Motor Buses and the Inniskillings last met, the soldiers won a roaring game by six goals to five. The Inniskillings are a much changed team since those days, nearly four months ago, and they will be hard pressed to hold out against an improved Motor Bus team.

Chinese Athletic and Kitchee, who are to play at the Club ground tomorrow afternoon, last met at Boundary-street before an almost record crowd for a local mid-week league match. Kitchee won 5-1 and on that occasion (October 16) their eleven included three of next week's representative players, Hau Yung-sang, Lai Shui-wing and Ho Ying-fun. These three stars are now on Sing Tao's playing strength, and tomorrow's match suffers in interest accordingly. Lai Shui-wing scored three of Kitchee's five goals. Kitchee will miss him tomorrow.

Here again is the eleven chosen to represent Hongkong, in



The Club de Recreio and Kowloon Cricket Club mixed doubles badminton teams which met recently in a league match, the Recreio winning easily.—Ming Yuen.

#### Softball Chatter

By "Spectator"

## International Series As New Year Attraction

The initial games in the International series are to be played on February 10 and 11. Britain, under Stan Leonard, meets United States, represented almost entirely by gobs of the U.S. Navy here, at 11 a.m. on the first day, and next morning Philippines clash with China. The Filipinos are led by Fred Diesta and C. B. Wong is at the head of the China squad. This game starts at 11 a.m. also. Whether these International games are to be played on the CBA ground or Recreio cricket ground has not been yet decided. India and Portugal drew byes.

Great Britain, holders of the Hopkong and Shanghai Hotels Shield, the "surprise packet" of last year, gets strength from the Leonard brothers and Harold Winglee at the helm and should do well enough, but are not expected to retain the title. Little is known of the combination for the U.S., but the American boys are logically expected to be the kind to know their stuff and give a good account of themselves.

A strong China enters the field led by Bill Woo, Canadian chief, and his peppery teammates in Dr. G. Lee, Luke Bunn and Herbie Quon (if he is fit again after an injury to a finger). Right behind them will be the pick of C. B. Wong's South China boys with "showboat" Yeung Kar-shing heading the way. Popular Fred Diesta of the Philippines does not have many players to select from but should turn out a useful side though not expected to extend the China lads.

Two strong contenders are India and Portugal who receive byes. While Little is seen of former mainstays, India has yet a formidable array to rely on in Kaha Nazarin, Jindoo Hussain, A. H. Bakar, Junior Markar, A. H. Ismail, Sherry Hamet and Sherry Bucks who have not lost any of the sting which helped India to two International Series victories in pre-war days.

A few of the promising boxes of the current Junior League competition may be of help, while the two most promising youngsters in the present Senior League teams, St. Joseph's starry third sacker Benny Omar and Madcap's ace backstopper Sabu Samy should walk into the team. Two tried out managers are leading the side in K. Nazarin and A. R. Markar, who have seen fruits of victories in the same capacity before. Not seen in action this year, veteran catcher Skelly Raizack may return to the India force and Miskin Samy of the Rovers should manage to find a place too.

#### PORUGAL STRONG

Portugal, under the able leadership of Tony Alves, is as usual strong. The International Series has evaded these Portuguese boys so far (apart from an unofficial Series) but they will be powerfully challenging for the coveted honours. Since the "retirement" from the game of the Gossano brothers—the Doctor, Bertie and Lino—the Portugal lads have been found lacking in batting power and again they will be missed in this Series. Much will depend on the bats of Charlie Quinn, Gerry Gossano, Wilfred Lawrence, Leo Vieira Ton the "sick" list for a while) and Billy Soares. However, only Gerry looks like the slugger, the others being useful place batters. If Tony Bayot finds a place, he certainly will

bolster the average attacking power. The League rivalry for the Doc F.J. Moilhan Shield has entered a most interesting stage. On record, St. Joseph's lead the way with only a loss, followed by Madcaps with two defeats. Canadians and Recreio have a "pennant-peeping" chance. Both have lost thrice. Between these four strongest contenders, the Saints have yet to meet Madcaps and Canadians, both of whom are the only ones in the League capable of giving a fight and upset them. Madcaps will yet have to match strength with Canadians, apart from the Saints and the next game that counts in the running is between the Canucks and Recreio.

#### STRONGEST RIVALS

As it is now, in the fighting amongst these Big Four, the Saints are on top. They can well afford to drop one game and still be in the "show." Madcaps are in effect the strongest rivals of the Josphians. They are more so now that they are strongly reinforced by the inclusion of Dale Cramer, noted by majority at least to be the best pitcher now in action on the local diamond. His above-average speed, plus excellent ball sense, heady and fast playing was a large measure for the defeat of Recreio at Madcap hands last week. Two hits in three trips by Madcap Sabu Samy pace the way for the attack.

On the appeal the Rees have filed concerning their defeat by St. Joseph's hinges the team's hopes for championship honours. It will be readily seen that if they win the appeal, there is the possibility of their defeating the conquerors in the replay and so come back to the flag-chasing. The ruling that a protest should be made on the spot was ignored by the General Committee in considering the Rees appeal. Paradoxically, passed a ruling to that effect immediately afterwards. So Recreio's "protest" was heard. To give an indication that the Rees meant business, their representative at once told the Committee, "with due respect," that it was unfit to hear the protest. He thought the Committee had too many interested in the outcome. Agreed that any one of it directly involved had no say, the proceedings continued. A vote decided that the appeal should be gone into and not "not to be entertained at all." Ignorance of the rule that a protest should be made on the spot was noted upon.

#### WHAT THE RULES SAY

It will be recalled that the question in connection with the Rees appeal was a decision on "interference" and the claim is for an additional base, as a result of which a run would have been scored, and since St. Joseph's won by one run, that decision could have affected the result. Rees runner was travelling from second base to third after a fly ball was caught deep at centre field. As he was making the base, he was alleged to have been interfered, thereby preventing him from making a try for home and a vital Rees run. What do the rules say? In effect, they say that he was entitled to the base he was making and that would be third, not home. However, in another part of the rules, he was entitled to more than a base, where specified. So, it appears, it should be left to the judgment of the base umpire, who was the one to make a decision, to say whether the runner could or could not have reached home, if not for the interference.

## Prospects For This Afternoon's Race Meeting

(BY "THE TURF")

The Hongkong Jockey Club will hold its First Extra Race Meeting this afternoon at the Valley, and the first Saddling Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the first race will start at 2 o'clock.

There are nine events in all; six are for the Subscription Ponies (non-winners) and the remaining three are confined to old ponies.

#### Mirs Bay Stakes (First Section)

The race opens with a mile event for Australian Subscription ponies of 1948, and none of the entries has turned in any good performances to date. Possibility (147 lbs) came in second on the fourth day of the Annual Race Carnival in a half mile race, being five lengths behind the first. It has also been fourth in a mile event, and should have a good chance of winning this race. The other best ponies are—Justice of Peace, Merry Thoughts and Shanghai.

#### Hunghom Bay Handicap ("B" Class)

In this mile Handicap of "B" Class old ponies, Kim (159 lbs) and Lily (155 lbs), both being demoted from the "A" Class are sure to be among the finishing group. Kim with 144 lbs, (Newman up), at the Sixth Extra Race Meeting covered the mile distance in excellent time of 1.46.1/5 and, in spite of being top weight may repeat this success. Lily (155 lbs) has not been quite up to form recently but can be expected to give a good account of herself and should not be ignored by punters. Strong Opposition is sure to come from Hurricane (145 lbs) Royal Commission (151 lbs), Speedway (135 lbs) and Wodonga (148 lbs).

#### Gin Drinker Bay Stakes (First Section)

Flying Jit should win this event of one mile if it has already put up quite a good performance, running second to Beckenham on the last day of the Annual Meeting and losing only by a length. Strathannara and Fluke Shot should fill the minor positions. Trade Wind is not to be ignored and is worth five dollars each way.

#### Bias Bay Handicap ("C" Class)

There are only eight probable starters of "C" Class old ponies for this mile event, and punters can expect the winner to be either Lightning, Jepp Hing or Shanghai Beauty. Of the three, Lightning is the most logical bet. This pony is fighting fit at the moment and in spite of being top weight its chances of winning are very bright. Jepp Hing (140 lbs) is lightly treated, and Shanghai Beauty, after winning the Phalton Handicap at the Annual Meeting carrying top weight of 159 lbs will come out at only 152 lbs, which gives the pony a sporting opportunity of winning. The other starters are—Cassie (135 lbs), Esmeralda (135 lbs), Fat Choy (135 lbs), Miami Beauty (135 lbs) and Richard I (159 lbs).

#### Mirs Bay Stakes (Second Section)

In this second bunch of new Australian Subscription ponies, Constant Star, Pacific and Mabuhay are the pick. Constant Star was third to Lovely Lady and Beckenham at the third day of the Annual Meeting over a distance of 1 mile 171 yards, and in a shorter event should win. Kwong Ming is a good outside investment.

#### Gin Drinker Bay Stakes (Second Section)

This race is likely to be a close affair as the runners are more or less of the same standard. They are—Amazon, Belle Fontaine, Happy Event, Harvard, Heroic Lassie and Priority. Of these half dozen Priority appears to be the best, though the pony is not much of a starter. In three of its outings it was badly left at the post but then ran very well indeed. Amazon, Belle

Fontaine, Happy Event, Harvard and Heroic Lassie are also capable of winning.

#### Mirs Bay Stakes (Third Section)

A neck and neck race will be fought out between Ding How and Meteorologist for this mile event. Meteorologist which put up an excellent performance on the last day of the Annual Meeting and came second to Desert Knight should have the edge over Ding How. Ding How, which has shown quite well in all its outings, should give a good account of itself over this distance.

#### Taiwan Bay Handicap ("D" Class)

There is a good number of entries for this mile Handicap for "D" Class ponies. They are—Al Fresco (140 lbs), Argus (145 lbs), Betty Lou (135 lbs), Blue Peter (131 lbs), Eastern Diamond (159 lbs), Flying Wheel (159 lbs), Honeybee (140 lbs), Jackal (148 lbs), Jinx (135 lbs), Kookaburra (138 lbs), Lola Spolia (135 lbs), Midnight Express (159 lbs), National Hero (139 lbs), Rosebud (144 lbs) and Ruby Star (135 lbs). Blue Peter (151 lbs) has a very good opportunity of winning; it has been placed on several occasions. This pony at the 12th Extra Meeting in 1947 was third to Airfield and Souvenir carrying 159 lbs, whereas now it has only 151 lbs—an advantage of 8 lbs less. Rosebud (144 lbs) which was made a hot favourite on the Third day of the Annual Carnival and ran unplaced, should do better this time and can be expected to find a place position. Al Fresco which was placed in two of its outings at the Annual Meeting will not be far from the leaders and might even cause an upset.

#### Mirs Bay Stakes (Fourth Section)

Pleasant Valley, a one-time strong favourite for the Derby, had the misfortune of being lame throughout the Annual Meeting, but is now being fully recovered and if it starts in this event should win. The General Committee heard the case of the Madcap Bees' claim for a walk-over from the Wildcats. The latter did not, in fact, turn out with a full team, and strictly according to rules, the Bees are entitled to a walk-over, and Coach Buster Hollands accordingly claimed it. Coach Hollands adhered to his claim before the Committee and there was little, if any, resistance from the Wildcats. There was some sort of appeal for sportsmanship, though insistence was not indicated. The popular Wildcats, who are championship aspirants, will have to pay for not turning out in full force because of a mere drizzle. There is no love lost in the ball game, you know! The Committee's decision has not been made yet, but all indications lead one to believe that the Madcap claim will hold.

Fixtures for the week-end and the Chinese New Year holidays are

#### TOMORROW

Men's "A" Division

CBA, ground—9.30 a.m. Philippines v. Canadians; 11.15 a.m. St. Joseph's v. VRC. Recreio football ground—9.30 a.m. Rovers v. VRC; 11.15 a.m. Police v. South China. Recreio softball diamond—9.30 a.m. Baseball Club v. Recreio.

#### INTERNATIONAL SERIES

Tuesday, Feb. 10

King's Park—11 a.m. Britain v. U.S.A.

#### Wednesday, Feb. 11

King's Park—11 a.m. Philippines v. China.

India and Portugal received byes.

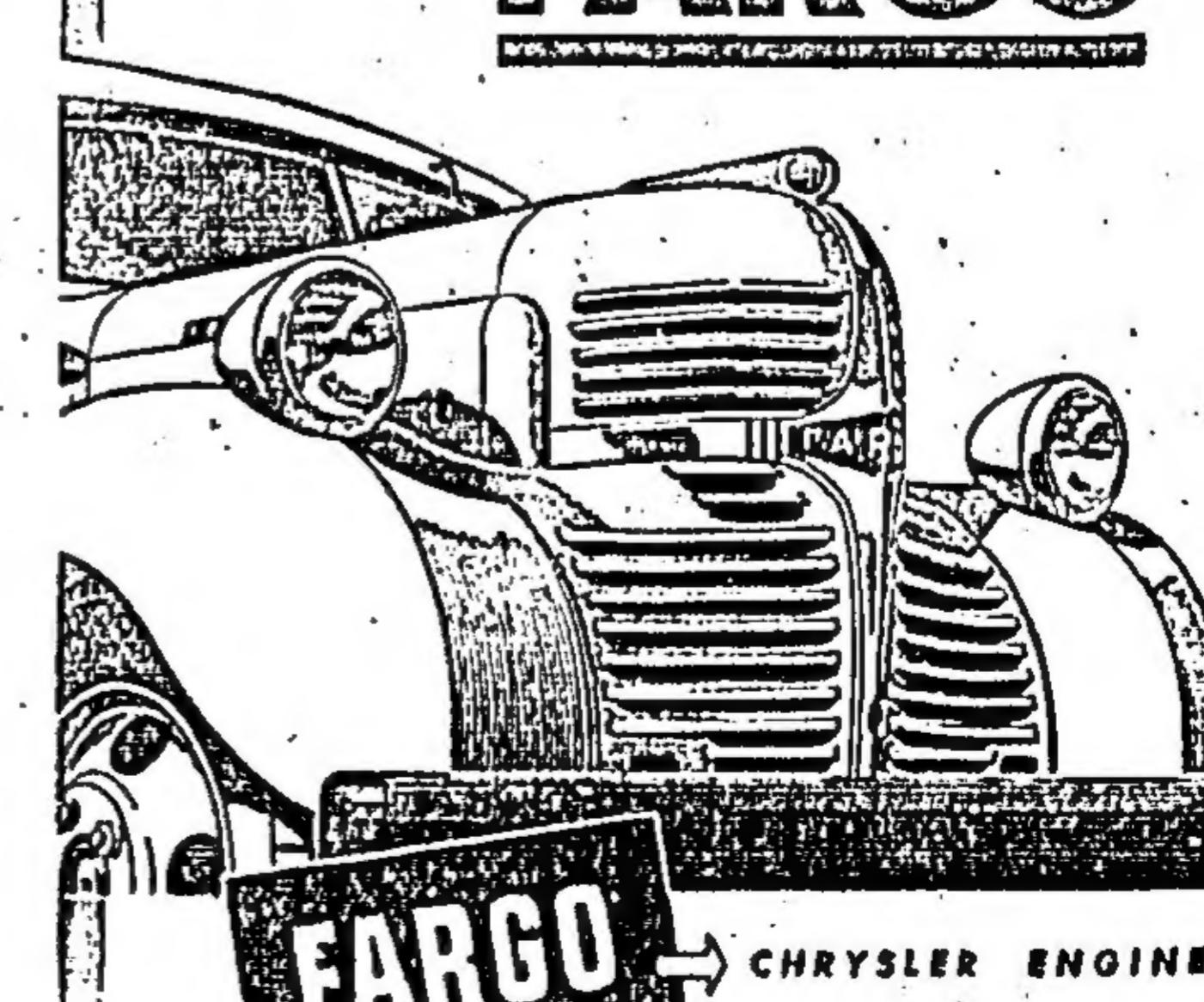
It is not always good strategy to play a snooker for safety, everyting depends on the kind of opponent. Diagram shows how to play a snooker for safety, for the last red. It is important to be cautious, strong and paid attention to the danger.

Opponent pocketed red by playing a shot to the top cushion. He would never have had this chance had red been played hard enough to clear the table.

Moral: be careful about the kind of snooker you have. Do not get the idea that any sort of snooker is good.

Centre of diagram shows a one-ball stroke played straight up table to the top cushion. It is not a good point on rebound. Try this out to improve the accuracy of your cue delivery.

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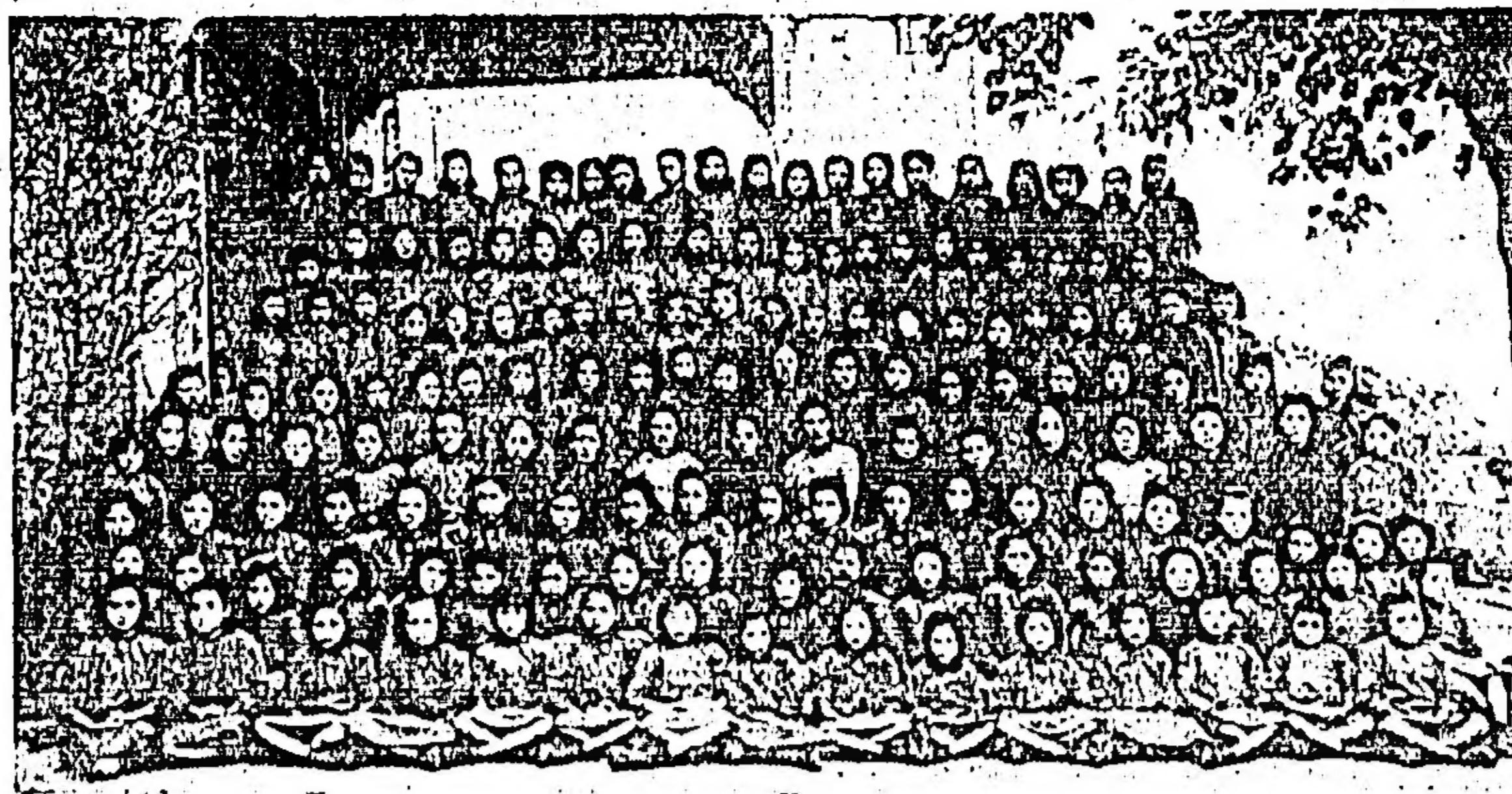


# TELEGRAPH WEEK-END PICTORIAL



**BRIDAL GROUP**—Picture taken outside St John's Cathedral last Saturday after the wedding of Mr George Mervyn Mills and Miss Betty Ann Ayris. (Photo: Ming Yuen)

OVER 400 people attended the Ball sponsored by the St John Ambulance Association at the Hongkong Hotel last week. Heading the large and distinguished gathering were HE the Governor and Lady Grantham, seen in the picture below with His Excellency's ADC, Capt. A. P. F. Wilson. Right: Miss Leung Sui-bing performing the Chinese sword dance, which was very well received. (Photos: Mo Cheung)



**STUDENTS** of the Lady Ho Tung Memorial Charity School, photographed with the Committee and teachers of the School. (Photo: Golden Studio)



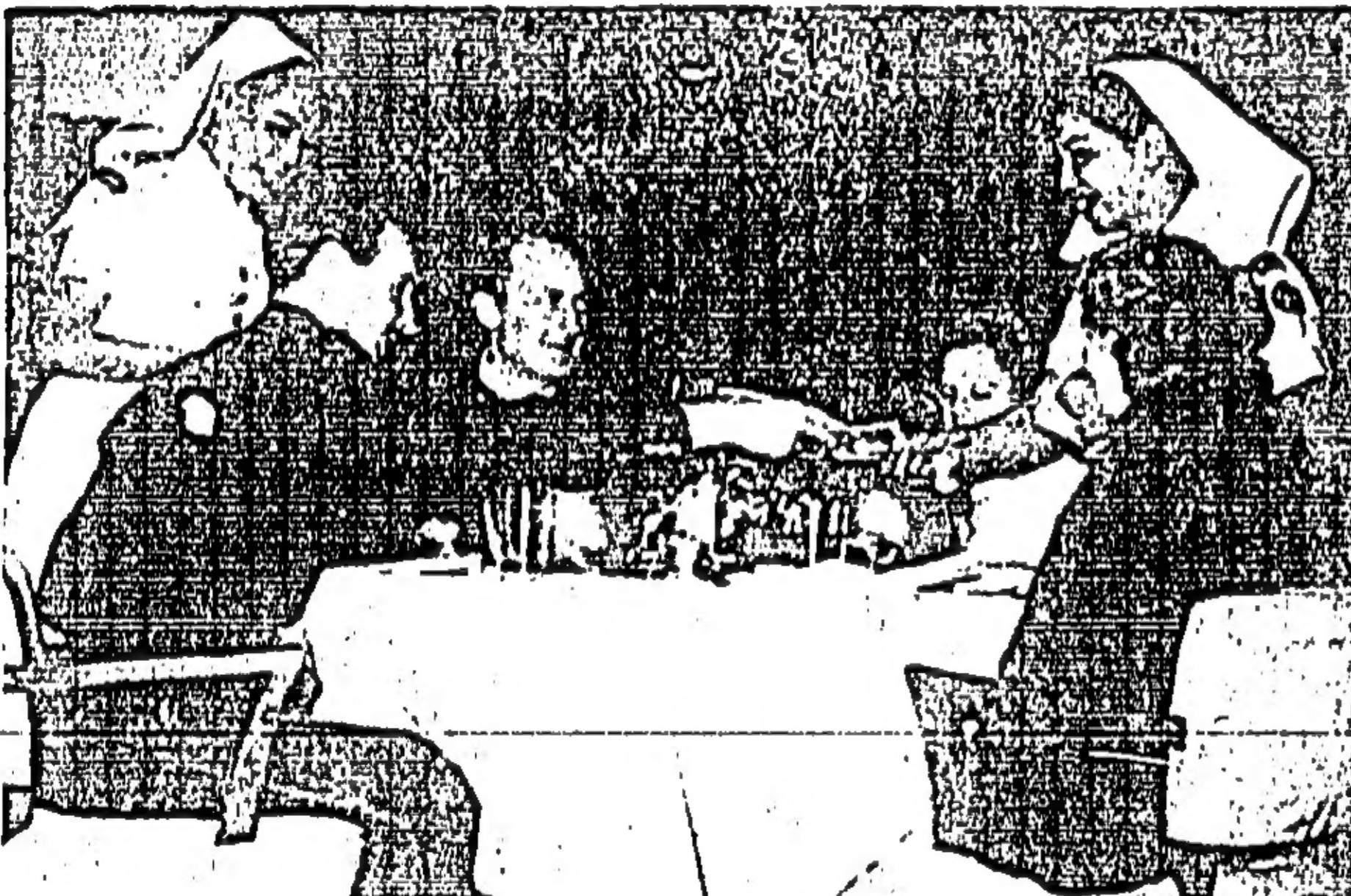
**A SCENE** from the Hongkong Stage Club's latest production, "The Man Who Came to Dinner," which was presented at the Missions to Seamen Theatre this week. (Photo: Ming Yuen)



**MR H. L. SCHULTZ**, who has just retired as a vice-president and director of Standard-Vacuum Oil Company after 36 years' service. Mr Schultz was general manager in Hongkong in 1926 and 1931.



**THE** Violet Peel Health Centre, which was considerably damaged by bombing during the war, has now been taken over by the Street Sleepers' Shelter Society. Three seeking a night's shelter are shown in the photograph registering for admission. (Photo: Ming Yuen)



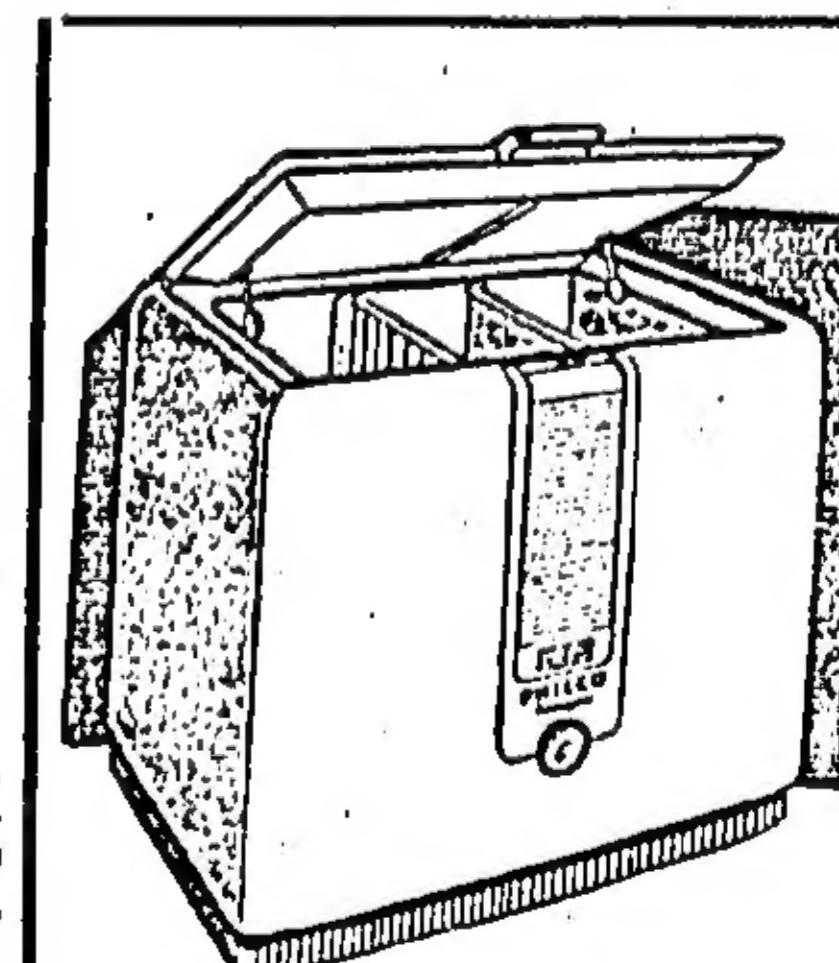
**TEAMS** representing the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank and Messrs Butterfield and Swire met in a friendly cricket match last Sunday. The latter won by 12 runs. The two teams are here shown with the Hon. Mr A. Morro, Chief Manager of the Bank. (Photo: Ming Yuen)



**MR CHARLES RENE ROSSELET** and Miss Socorro Maria Castro were married at St Joseph's Church last Saturday. (Photo: Golden Studio)



**LAST** week-end's football winners are seen on the left. Top picture is of the China team, which defeated Ireland in the International Charity Cup match by 11 goals to nil. Lower picture shows the Combined Chinese, who won from the Non-Chinese Civilians 6-2. (Photos: Golden Studio)



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The Annual Ball of this Union will be held in the Grange of the Hongkong Hotel, on Tuesday, the 24th of February, 1948, at 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. There will be Music for Dancing played by the Hongkong Hotel Orchestra, Hawaiian Music by Mr. George Pearson, and his Beach Boys and Ellerhows by local Artists. Tickets are available at the Hongkong Hotel Reception Desks, King's Theatre Booking Office, Wing On Bank, The Sun Co., Sincere Co. Ltd., China Emporium, Dragon Seed Co., Man Cheong (Gloucester Arcade), Chang Pao Heng (King's Theatre Building) or apply to the Secretary Imperial Trading Company, King's Theatre Building, Tel. 28209. All Old Boys of our Union, and members of their families & friends are cordially invited to attend this function.

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Motorists wishing to join the Association may obtain a form from any member of the Interim Committee or from the address above.

## French Doctors To Strike

Paris, Feb. 6.—French doctors decided today to strike on March 1 in protest against the heavy taxes they have to pay.

They will refuse to give free attention to nationally-insured patients in hospitals and will refuse to sign medical certificates except those involving maternity and prenatal health.

The decision was taken by the Administrative Council of the Medical Trade Unions.—Reuter.

## Chinese Communists Said Deliberately Killing Missionaries

New York, Feb. 6.—Fr. Calvert Alexander, editor of the Jesuit Mission's magazine, charged today that Chinese Communists are killing all American missionaries captured in North China.

The statement was made in an interview, and the editor of the magazine released the first documented evidence against the Communists in connection with the campaign against the Church in Communist-occupied areas.

## INCIDENTS REPORTED IN INDONESIA

Batavia, Feb. 6.—The Indonesian Republic has sent a letter to the Security Council's "Good Offices" Committee, listing about 300 Indonesian casualties in 30 alleged incidents with the Dutch since the signing of the truce on January 17.

Republiken sources said the principal incident took place on January 20 at two villages, about 20 miles southeast of the West Java port of Cirebon.

It was alleged that Dutch soldiers had machine-gunned and bayoneted 285 people, mortared the villages and burned about 130 houses.

The Republic's letter was believed to have asked the "Good Offices" Committee to conduct an inquiry and submit suggestions for the prevention of such incidents in the future on both the Dutch and the Indonesian sides.

Dutch sources had no knowledge of any Republican letter, but said the Netherlands was protesting to the "Good Offices" Committee that sabotage and shootings in East Java had not ceased since the signing of the truce.

At least 23 Dutch soldiers were said to have been killed and 50 wounded in incidents with the Republiken, since the truce came into effect on January 17.

One incident was believed to involve the derailing of a Dutch train and the machine-gunning of those who escaped injury when it fell down a ravine.—Reuter.

## BARBARA ANN SCOTT AGAIN CHAMPION

St Moritz, Feb. 6.—Miss Barbara Ann Scott, Canada's incomparable ballerina on ice skates, today won the Olympic women's figure skating championship, as Sweden took over the lead of the unofficial team championship and the United States had a good start in the four-man bob-sled competition.

Miss Scott, giving by far the best performance seen in the women's figure skating since Sonja Henie, won easily although the official results, because of the complicated scoring system, were delayed for hours.

Veteran Nils Karlsson brought Sweden a fourth gold medal by winning the 50 kilometre cross-country ski race. Second was Harald Eriksson of Sweden, third Benjamin Vanninen of Finland, fourth Pekka Toivonen of Sweden and sixth Edi Schill of Switzerland. The winning time was three hours 47 minutes 18 sec.

The race meant 17 points for Sweden, giving a lead over Switzerland's team standings with a total of 70.

The Swiss, picking up only one point, went to second place with 70. Scores of non-Olympic bockey follow: United States 13, Austria 1; Switzerland 14, Poland 0; Canada 0; Czechoslovakia 0; Sweden 4, Britain 3. The Swiss won six straight games.

### Barbara's Challengers

Miss Scott's most serious challengers were Miss Jeanette Altwegg of Britain, who finished second in compulsory figures, and Miss Eva Pavlick of Austria, who was third, but the 7,000 spectators acclaimed Miss Scott champion without waiting for the Judge's decision.

In the four-man bob sled, Switzerland's No. 1 team took the first heat, in 1:16.0, with Fritz Feirabend piloting.

America's No. 2 team, driven by Francis Tyler, had the second best heat in the opening heat and the best clocking of seven teams making the second run, when the competition was postponed until tomorrow because the course was battered too severely by the heavy sleds.

The hockey game between Canada and Czechoslovakia, who previously won five straight games in the nine-nation round robin tournament, was marked by a fist fight between Jaroslav Drobny, Czech international tennis star, and George Mare of Canada.

Drobny and Mare collided near the sidelines in the closing minutes of the third period, and began punching each other. Officials finally separated them.—United Press.

**A LUCKY DEFECT**

London, Feb. 6.—Dismantling his bath to mend a leaking pipe, William Edwards, of Herne Hill, found jewellery worth £500, believed to have been hidden there by German Jewish refugees.—Reuter.

## De Gaulle's Youngest Daughter Gravely Ill

Paris, Feb. 6.—General Charles de Gaulle cancelled today a speech he was to have made next Sunday at Juvisy, near here, and a series of ceremonies he was to have attended in Paris over the week-end, owing to the serious illness of his youngest daughter, Anne.

Anne, who has been an invalid all her life, became suddenly worse this afternoon.

Specialists were rushed to Colombey Les Deux Eglisee, where the general has his farmhouse home.

Her condition was described as "very grave" in circles close to the general.—Reuter.

## Key Men In Gandhi Murder Plot Held

Bombay, Feb. 6.—Exactly one week after Mahatma Gandhi's assassination, high police officials, who have made Poona—the home of Gandhi's alleged killer, Nathuram Vinayak Godse—the centre of the investigations, were tonight reported to have uncovered the main outlines of a plot to kill Mahatma Gandhi.

They were said to be in possession of signed statements by both Godse and Madan Lal, the man who was seized after an explosion at Mr. Gandhi's prayer meeting on January 20.

Days and nights of close unremitting investigation, touching upon every province in the Dominion and thus achieving, as a result of Mr. Gandhi's death, what was not fully achieved during his lifetime."

It urged that all private armies be forbidden and organisations based on religion for political ends be discouraged.—Reuter.

### Congress Purge Urged

New Delhi, Feb. 6.—A purge of the Indian Congress Party following Mr. Gandhi's assassination was demanded by the party's own Working Committee, its policy-making executive body, in a resolution today.

The Committee called on Congressmen to "purify the organisation"

### Italy Abolishes Death Penalty

Rome, Feb. 6.—Italy has abolished the death penalty for political crimes.

A decree published today commutes to life imprisonment the sentences of more than 200 persons accused of Fascist political crimes. Capital punishment for ordinary crimes ended in 1944.—Associated Press.

### Trader With Enemy Commits Suicide

Brussels, Feb. 6.—Karl Saller, accused of making 20,000,000 Belgian francs out of trade with the Germans during the occupation of Belgium, swallowed a phial of potassium cyanide and died almost immediately after hearing sentence passed on him here today.

A military court, sitting in the Brussels Palais de Justice, sentenced him to 20 years hard labour and a fine of 25,000,000 francs on charges of economic collaboration with the enemy.—Reuter.

### OUTWARD MAIRS

### Arrangements For New Year Holidays

On Tuesday, February 10, 1948, the General Post Office and Kowloon Central Post Office will open from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. for sale of stamps only. The other branch post offices will be entirely closed. There will be no delivery or collection from post boxes.

On Wednesday, February 11, the General Post Office and Kowloon Central Post Office will open from 8 a.m. to noon. The other branch post offices will open from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. There will be one delivery of Registered and Ordinary correspondence and one collection only from pillar boxes at 10 a.m.

The General Order Office will be entirely closed during the Holidays.

Unless otherwise stated, registered articles and parcel posts close 30 minutes earlier than ordinary mail. If mail closes before 10 a.m. registered and parcels will close at 5 p.m. on previous day.

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7

### Closing Times By Air

Shanghai, 9 a.m. (reg'd); 9:30 a.m. (ord.).

Nanking, 11:30 a.m.

Amoy, 12:30 a.m.

Hankow, 1:30 a.m.

Canton, 2:30 a.m.

Swatow, 3:30 a.m.

Closing Times By Sea & Train

Swatow (Sea) 1 p.m.

Macao (Sea) 4 p.m.

Macao, Tsinshan & Shekki (Sea) 8 a.m.

(Sea) 9 p.m.

Canton (Sea) 5 p.m.

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

### Closing Times By Air

Bangkok, Siloso, Batavia, Colombo,

Singapore and Auckland, 10 a.m.

Calcutta, Amoy, Shanghai, Nanking,

Hankow, Tsinshan, Peiping, Tsinan &

Kweihsien, 10 a.m.

Closing Times By Sea & Train

Canton (Sea) 1 p.m.

Macao, Tsinshan & Shekki (Sea) 10 a.m.

Canton (Train) 1 p.m.

Shanghai (Sea) 10 a.m.

Closing Times By Air

Shanghai, 9 a.m. (reg'd); 9:30 a.m. (ord.).

Manila, 11:30 a.m.

Amoy, 12:30 a.m.

Hankow and Peiping: Canton, Liu-

Swatow, 2:30 p.m.

Closing Times By Sea & Train

Canton (Sea) 1 p.m.

Macao, Tsinshan & Shekki (Sea) 8 a.m.

Canton (Train) 2 p.m.

## ANOTHER WITHDRAWAL FROM LOAN

Washington, Feb. 6.—Britain today withdrew another \$100,000,000 from the United States loan, leaving a balance of only \$100,000,000.

This was the third withdrawal since the \$3,750,000,000 loan was un-

locked last December.

Similar withdrawals were made in December and January.

It was anticipated here today that the final \$100,000,000 would be withdrawn at the beginning of next month—some 16 months after Congress ratified the original Anglo-American financial agreement.

It was, therefore, anticipated that there would be a gap of at least a month—possibly a good deal longer

—between the expiry of the loan and the start of the European recovery programme.

Financial experts here forecast

that if the Marshall Plan had not

started by the beginning of the second quarter of this year, Britain

would have to step up her sales of gold once again in April, in order to meet essential hard currency com-

mitments.—Reuter.

## Heavy Seas Pound Stranded Ship

Glasgow, Scotland, Feb. 6.—The 1,100-ton Swedish ship, Mansurin, was being pounded by heavy seas tonight as she lay grounded on Inchmorn Island in the Sound of Mull, West Scotland.

The ship was on a passage to Liverpool. A tug from Greenock stood by in snow and hail and at

tempts to refloat the vessel.—Reuter.

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